

Attachment G - Pest Free Warrant for commercial transport operators moving people or goods within the Hauraki Gulf Controlled Area

Application forms to apply for a Pest Free Warrant can be obtained from Auckland Council or the Department of Conservation

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-go/auckland/hauraki-gulf-marine-park/know-before-you-go/treasure-islands/pest-free-warrant/>

Completed application forms are to be returned to Auckland Council or the Department of Conservation, who will then schedule a meeting with the applicant to discuss the applicant's business and provide advice on how to meet the Pest Free Warrant requirements set out below.

There is no fee for Pest Free Warrant accreditation.

Pest Free Warrants must be renewed annually.

Pest Free Warrant holders will be subject to random auditing inspections to check compliance.

In order to be accredited a Pest Free Warrant, commercial transport operators must meet the following minimum requirements:

Mitigation measures to minimise risk of moving rodents to islands

1. All commercial transport operators must:
 - a. for each of their vessels or aircraft:
 - i. set at least 1 rodent bait station and 1 rat trap per 10 m of vessel or aircraft;
 - ii. set at least 1 mouse trap per 5 m of vessel or aircraft;
 - iii. ensure that each trap or station is baited with non-long life bait at all times;
 - b. inspect all stations and traps weekly;
 - c. ensure that the bait for all stations and traps is refreshed with new non-long life bait monthly;
 - d. maintain a record of compliance with requirements 1 (b) and (c), including by specifying
 - i. the actions taken by the commercial operator; and
 - ii. the date when the actions were taken; and
 - iii. the volume of bait taken since last record.
 - e. for each of their vessels or aircraft, remove all organic refuse daily for the duration of time of that vessel or aircraft being in port.

Mitigation measures to minimise risk of moving pathogens and seeds to islands

2. All commercial transport operators must:
 - a. for each of their vessels or aircraft:
 - i. provide at least 1 sturdy brush; and
 - ii. make any brushes provided in accordance with 2 (a) i available to all passengers; and
 - b. ensure that any machinery, vehicles and equipment transported on any of their vessels or aircraft are free of soil.

Mitigation measures to minimise risk of moving ants and plague skinks to islands

3. All commercial transport operators must ensure that any plant material being moved within the Hauraki Gulf Controlled Area:
 - i. has been re-potted within 24 hours prior to movement; and
 - ii. all soil or other media surrounding that plant is saturated throughout; or
 - iii. any root system on that plant material has been cleaned of any soil prior to transport.
4. All commercial transport operators must for each of their vessels or aircraft immediately notify Auckland Council of any sighting of any ant on board that vessel or aircraft.

General measures

5. All commercial transport operators must provide information to all customers detailing:
 - (i) high risk pest species to watch out for¹; and
 - (ii) guidance text, supplied by Auckland Council, on biosecurity measures to be taken to reduce the risk of pest spread.
6. Information required by clause 5 must be provided at a minimum via the following channels, where any channel is applicable to the business:
 - (i) on company website; and
 - (ii) on or accompanying any tickets; and
 - (iii) on any invoices.
7. All commercial transport operators must keep records of the nature and volume of goods being moved.

¹ For the purposes of this procedure, 'high risk species' are any species included in a Hauraki Gulf Site-led Programme in the Auckland Regional Pest Management Plan.