

## **GOVERNMENT OF NIUE**

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## NIUE BIOSECURITY - Notice for Yachts "NOTICE TO MASTERS"

## TO MASTERS OF OVERSEAS SHIPS:

## **RESTRICTIONS WHILE IN NIUEAN TERRITORIAL WATER**

- 1. To protect Niue from the introduction of serious animal and plant pest and disease you must comply with various restrictions while your ship is in Niue water.
- 2. **RESPONSIBILITY**: The ship's Master is responsible for ensuring that all the requirements are complied with.
- 3. **FRUIT, VEGETABLES, PLANT PRODUCTS, AND ALL FOOD STUFFS** of any kind must not be landed in Niue without the written authority of the Agricultural Quarantine Officer. This includes ship's stores and any food and plant products belonging to crew members. Should it be necessary to land stores temporarily, owing to refit, etc, you must first obtain written permission from a Quarantine Officer.
- 4. **POT PLANTS** must not be landed in Niue under any circumstances.
- 5. **MEAT AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS** of any description are not to be taken ashore from your vessel for any purpose. Ship's meat is not to be used by crew members for fishing from your vessel or from the shore or wharf.
- 6. **EGGS AND EGG CRATES** must not be landed in Niue.
- 7. **SHIPS PETS**: If there are any ship's pets (including birds, reptiles, fish), you are required to enter into a NZ\$100.00 bond for their secure custody on the ship. Pets must be securely confined on the ship in a manner and place approved by the Biosecurity Officer. Pets must not be accessible to visitors, cargo workers, or other workers. Should a pet become sick, please contact the Veterinary Officer of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries office. After hours telephone numbers are shown on paragraph 13 below. If a ship's pet dies while in Niuean water, the carcass is to be given to the Biosecurity Officer for disposal. Any pets obtained in Niue must be added to the Masters bond. Animals taken on board or which wander on board will not be allowed ashore unless in the custody of the Biosecurity Officer. Any pets from the yacht found ashore will be euthanised in accordance with the Niue Biosecurity Legislation.
- 8. The regulations require that:
  - a. ALL MEAT including poultry, ham, bacon, sausages, salami etc is to be accurately described and entered on the Master's Certificate.
  - b. ALL ANIMALS including birds, reptiles and mammals etc are to be accurately described and entered on the Master's Certificate.
- 9. WHERE GARBAGE CONTAINERS are supplied by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries; all garbage must be placed in the container on the wharf. Where ship's containers are allowed to be used, they must be suitable and securely fitted with lids. Lids must be fastened at all times. All garbage must be in containers/bags and must not be dropped overboard. You will be advised of the collection method to be used.
- 10. **CARS**, Motorcycles, Bicycles and Sporting Equipment owned by crew members whom are to be used in Niue, must be inspected and cleared to the satisfaction of an Agricultural Quarantine Officer.
- 11. **BALLAST WATER**, all vessels are not to discharge ballast water while in Niuean Waters.
- 12. It is a requirement for all yachts to pay a fee of \$50.00 per yacht during clearance; this fee is for Quarantine activities such as garbage disposal, clearance etc
- 13. **NIUE QUARANTINE SERVICE** contact information as follow: Office hours (8am 4pm Monday to Thursday), Alofi Telephone Number 4032.