

Feedback

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Domestic Updates

- The **Minister for COVID-19 Response** has [announced](#) that the **Wellington region will move to Alert Level 2** from 6pm on Wednesday 23 June (NZT) until 11.59pm on Sunday 27 June. The rest of the country will remain at Alert Level 1. This comes after a traveller visiting from Australia returned a positive COVID-19 test upon his return to Sydney. The Ministry of Health has advised people were at any of the [locations of interest](#) that the traveller visited to isolate immediately and contact Healthline for advice on testing. For further information, please refer to the New Zealand government COVID-19 website <https://covid19.govt.nz/>.
- Further to the detection last month of Salmonella Enteritidis in an Auckland poultry farm that supplies hatching eggs and day-old chicks to the broiler (meat) and layer (table eggs) industry, the **Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI)** has now confirmed **the presence of Salmonella Enteritidis in additional commercial poultry farms**. Precautionary measures have been taken to prevent identified potentially contaminated products entering the New Zealand domestic and/or export markets. No retrospective domestic recall has been initiated. MPI will directly notify importing country competent authorities should any exports of hatching eggs, day old chick or table eggs to their country be implicated.

Regional Updates

Australia and the Pacific

- **Australia** will [commence](#) **dispute resolution proceedings** at the **World Trade Organization (WTO)** against **China** over its imposition of anti-dumping duties on Australian **wine**. Australian Trade Minister Dan Tehan Minister said Australia's use of the WTO in this matter "is consistent with its previous use of the WTO and aligns with our support for the rules-based trading system"; and Australia remains open to engaging directly with China to resolve this issue.
- **Samoa's** Government introduced **revised** [entry requirements for seafarers](#) and [entry to Sāmoan ports](#) with immediate effect from June 19. This includes mandatory COVID-19 vaccination for crew and travellers.

Asia

- Agencies are monitoring ongoing **disruptions at Yantian Port in Shenzhen, China** caused by a recent localised COVID-19 outbreak. Port operations have reportedly recovered to 70%, however delays were not expected to be resolved until at least the end of this month. Neighbouring Shekou Port has also shown some pressure and reduced in-gate confirmation times. **NZTE** continues to scan for New Zealand businesses which might be impacted.
- **South Korean** health authorities announced on 14 June that **quarantine free entry for vaccinated people** from countries that do not have an ongoing major outbreak or significant variant cases of COVID-19 will come into effect from early July. The new policy will apply to those vaccinated with a WHO-approved vaccine who are either

Korean citizens, long-term foreign residents, or foreigners arriving in the country for: business or study; activities related to public services; urgent humanitarian reasons (i.e. funerals); or visiting immediate family/spouse's family. You can contact the South Korean Embassy [here](#) for more information on travel to South Korea.

- Prime Minister Kim Boo-kyum announced on 9 June that **South Korea** is currently **negotiating travel bubbles with Singapore, Thailand, Guam and Saipan**, to start as early as July. South Korea will waive its mandatory 14-day quarantine requirements for vaccinated international tour group visitors that test negative for COVID-19 before entering and after arriving in-country. A joint statement from the Ministries of Transport and Tourism said, "we hope the implementation of a safe and secure travel bubble initiative will serve as an opportunity to facilitate the recovery of Korea's tourism and aviation industries post-COVID-19."

Europe

- **Germany** has adopted the **Corporate Due Diligence in Supply Chains Act**, which enters into force in 2023. The Act applies to companies (including German subsidiaries of multinationals) which have a registered office in Germany and workforce of over 1,000 employees. It aims to strengthen human rights and environmental standards across supply chains, including preventing forced labour and modern slavery, and addressing inadequate work conditions. **New Zealand exporters to Germany** could be affected as German customers take greater interest in their suppliers' human rights and environmental standards, especially those located outside New Zealand (e.g. suppliers of feed, raw materials and textiles).

Americas

- On Tuesday 12 June, the **White House** [released](#) its **supply chain report** titled "Building Resilient Supply Chains, Revitalizing American Manufacturing, and Fostering Broad Based Growth". This report was mandated by a 24 February Presidential Executive Order and is focused on four key sectors: semiconductors, large capacity batteries, critical minerals and pharmaceuticals.
- On 15 June, **California** fully opened its economy by **lifting almost all its COVID-19 restrictions** and removing its tiered county by county reopening blueprint. There will no longer be restrictions such as capacity limits and physical distancing requirements, except in the case of "mega events" with gatherings of more than 5,000 people.

Middle East and Africa

- The **Egyptian Ministry of Finance** has announced an **extension to implementation of Egypt's National Single Window for Foreign Trade Facilitation (Nafeza)** to 1 October. The system, which was previously planned to become mandatory on 1 July, aims to modernise and automate customs administration through an Advanced Cargo Information (ACI) system. It is hoped the ACI system will speed up customs procedures, improve border security and eliminate cheating on customs and taxes. The Ministry has advised that no goods shipped from abroad will be allowed to enter Egyptian ports as of the new deadline of 1 October except through the ACI system. **Exporters and importers are encouraged to register** with the new system quickly. Further information on the system can be found on the [Nafeza website](#).
 - As of 16 June, all **incoming travellers to Saudi Arabia** are now required to **pre-register their flight details and vaccination status** through the 'Muqem' website at least 72 hours before arrival. Travelers must register under one of four categories: Vaccinated resident, unvaccinated resident, vaccinated visitor, and unvaccinated visitor.
 - **Kuwait** has announced that from 1 August, **non-citizens** will again be **able to enter Kuwait** if they have been fully vaccinated with a Kuwaiti-recognised vaccine. Vaccinated travellers are still required to do a pre-flight PCR test, with a second after seven days of home self-isolation. From 1 August, only fully-vaccinated Kuwaiti citizens will be permitted to leave the country. From 27 June, only vaccinated people will be permitted to enter restaurants, cafes, health clubs and "large commercial spaces."
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Market reports released this week

- The previous global economic and trade update can be found [here](#).
- An overview of 'Product Stewardship' schemes in Europe was prepared by the Europe Division at the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and can be read [here](#).
- An economic update on the Philippines was prepared by the New Zealand Embassy in Manila [here](#).

External links

The following links may provide useful information to businesses:

- [NZTE](#) has a website focused on providing COVID-19 information for exporters. They've also launched [myNZTE](#), an interactive digital portal of insights and tools available to all New Zealand exporters.
 - The Treasury releases a [weekly economic update](#) every Friday. Stats NZ has published a [data portal](#) with near real-time economic indicators.
 - MBIE publishes a [sector reports series](#) which provides regularly updated reports on all industry sectors that make up the New Zealand economy. These include official economic data and the challenges and opportunities that face New Zealand's industry sectors.
 - [Business.govt.nz](#) provides tools and advice from across government to save small businesses' time and help make the business a success.
 - MFAT has created a [tariff finder](#) which is designed to help goods exporters and importers maximise benefits from New Zealand's Free Trade Agreements and compare tariffs in 136 other markets.
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