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Changes to pre-arrival reporting requirements for certain Australian External Territories

Biosecurity



The *Biosecurity Act 2015* (the Act) extends to the External Territories of Christmas Island, the Cocos (Keeling) Islands and Norfolk Island.

In accordance with section 193 of the Act, commercial vessel operators intending to enter the External Territories and/or move between External Territories and Australia must report to the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources between 96 and 12 hours before the estimated time of arrival of the vessel. Failure to give a report containing the information required may contravene subsection 193(4) of the Act.

What's changing

From 28 October 2016, the new Maritime Arrival Reporting System (MARS) will be rolled-out which means there will be some changes to the way commercial vessels travelling to and from External Territories submit their pre-arrival report. The method of reporting will depend on where the voyage originates or commences and ends.

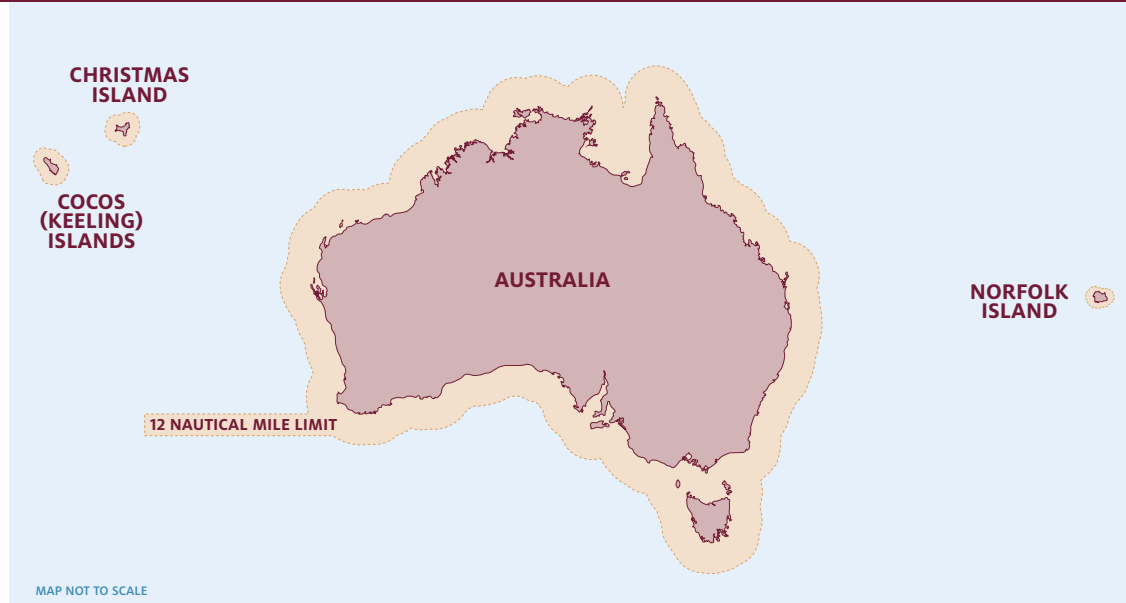
Commercial voyages that originate outside of Australian Territory

Commercial voyages originating outside of Australian Territory, including movements between Christmas Island, Cocos (Keeling) Islands and/or Norfolk Island and Australia, must report using MARS. Further information about MARS is available at agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/avm/vessels/mars.

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If you would like further information, please phone the Maritime National Coordination Centre (MNCC) on 1300 004 605 within Australia or +61 8 8201 6185 outside Australia, or email maritimenc@agriculture.gov.au.



Commercial voyages that commence and end between Australia and Christmas Island, the Cocos (Keeling) Islands and/or Norfolk Island

The electronic pre-arrival report (PAR) is to be used by commercial vessels travelling between Australia and certain External Territories. This includes voyages that commence and end between Australia and Christmas Island, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, and/or Norfolk Island. The PAR can be accessed at the 'Pre-arrival reporting for certain Australian External Territories' page under agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/avm/vessels.

Non-commercial vessel reporting

There is no change to the way that non-commercial vessels report—a yacht report is required to be submitted via email or verbally. More information on non-commercial vessel reporting is available at agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/avm/vessels.



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