

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT 2005 (WA)

Sections 67 and 72A

VESSEL STATUS DIRECTIONS

The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic on 11 March 2020.

On 15 March 2020, the Minister for Emergency Services declared a state of emergency with effect from 12 am on 16 March 2020 in respect of the pandemic caused by COVID-19 pursuant to section 56 of the *Emergency Management Act 2005 (WA)* (**Act**). The state of emergency applies to the State of Western Australia.

I, Christopher John Dawson, Commissioner of Police and State Emergency Coordinator, now give the following directions pursuant to my powers under sections 67 and 72A of the Act.

PREAMBLE

1. The purpose of these directions is to deem any **vessel** that is the subject of a **relevant vessel direction** to be an **unexposed vessel** for the purposes of the **relevant maritime directions** subject to that vessel having met certain conditions.

CITATION

2. These directions may be referred to as the **Vessel Status Directions**.

COMMENCEMENT

3. These directions come into effect at 13.47 hours on 2 July 2021.

DIRECTIONS

4. Subject to paragraphs 5 and 6, any vessel that is the subject of a relevant vessel direction is deemed to be an unexposed vessel for the purposes of the relevant maritime directions.
5. Paragraph 4 is only applicable to a vessel where each of the following is satisfied:
 - (a) the vessel has satisfied each of the conditions set out in the relevant vessel direction; and
 - (b) the vessel has not undertaken any **exposure activity** subsequent to satisfying those conditions.
6. For the avoidance of doubt, the status conferred upon a vessel pursuant to paragraph 4 is conferred at a point in time only, and the vessel may subsequently become an **exposed**

vessel as a result of travel the vessel undertakes, or persons the vessel embarks, subsequent to this direction coming into effect.

DEFINITIONS

7. **Exposure activity** means the visiting of any place or the embarkation of any person which would have the effect of changing the vessel's status to an exposed vessel under any relevant maritime direction, had the visiting of that place or the embarkation of that person occurred after the relevant maritime direction came into effect.
8. **Exposed vessel** has the meaning that it has in each of the relevant maritime directions.
9. **Relevant maritime directions** means:
 - (a) Exposed On-Board Worker Directions; and
 - (b) Maritime Crew Member Directions; and
 - (c) Rig or Platform Crew Member Directions.
10. **Relevant vessel direction** means the direction listed in Schedule 1 that is applicable to the relevant vessel.
11. **Unexposed vessel** has the same meaning that it has in each of the relevant maritime directions.
12. **Vessel** has the same meaning that it has in the Maritime Crew Directions (No 2).

PENALTIES

It may be an offence to fail to comply with any of these directions, punishable by imprisonment for up to 12 months or a fine of up to \$50,000 for individuals and \$250,000 for bodies corporate.



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Christopher John Dawson
Commissioner of Police and State Emergency Coordinator

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SCHEDULE 1

Direction – Galileo G

Direction – Juan Sebastian De Elcano

Direction – Jumbo Fairpartner

Direction – Jumbo Jubilee

Direction – Northwest Sandpiper

Direction – North West Snipe Crew Members

Direction - Resolute

Direction – White Rabbit