



Australian Government

Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service

**AQIS REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CLEARANCE OF CRUISE VESSELS
AND MATERIAL TO ASSIST THE CRUISE INDUSTRY**

ADVICE TO AGENTS – SEAPORTS PROGRAM - 05 / 07

Shipping Agents / Operators

The purpose of this advice is to provide you with the revised '**Guidelines for Cruise Vessel Agents / Operators**' for 2007. This document details the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service's (AQIS's) requirements for the clearance of international passenger vessels arriving at Australian ports. These guidelines cover a range of procedures including: pre-arrival requirements, passenger and crew clearances, non proclaimed port approvals, how to become 'coastal' or released from quarantine, management of quarantine waste, stores and animals, AQIS surveillance and charging.

I would like to advise that the new version of the Cruising through Quarantine Fact Sheet and DVD Kit are now available from the AQIS Public Relations Section. You can order the new DVD Kit which contains a DVD announcement to be played prior to arrival and a vision only DVD loop for the purser's desk or information channel on board. Please contact AQIS Public Relations on pr@aqis.gov.au to obtain your free copies.

By working together, we will be able to provide a more efficient and effective quarantine clearance process with minimum disruption to your crew and passengers. I propose to work with the shipping industry to progress quarantine issues of interest to cruise vessels throughout the 2007/08 period.

Attached is a copy of the 2007 '**Guidelines for Cruise Vessel Agents / Operators**' and details AQIS's requirements for cruise vessel clearance and is also available at www.aqis.gov.au/shipping. Should you have further queries, please contact your local AQIS office. A list of regional contact numbers is included on the attached Guidelines.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Franks', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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