

To Whom it May Concern

Re: Northern Territory – Essential Freight Delivery

I confirm as the delegated decision maker under the Biosecurity Declaration 2020, that all barge, road transport and air essential freight services within the Northern Territory may continue to operate without the requirement for an Approved Essential Worker Permit under a 'zero contact' approach. That is, no contact must occur between the person delivering the goods and residents in the community, in accordance with COVID-19 border and travel restrictions in force in the Northern Territory.

For example, a barge or truck delivering goods to a community can unload goods to the barge landing or a pre-arranged collection point, and then return to the barge or truck without having any contact with residents in the community. Similarly, goods can be delivered by air so long as there is no contact between the delivering person and anyone within the community. Appropriate hygiene practices need to be adhered to at all times.

All barge, road transport and air freight staff delivering the services in the aforementioned paragraphs will be required to be informed about, and adhere to, strict social distancing protocols in line with your organisation's COVID-19 management plan. This includes maintaining a distance of at least 1.5 metres between any other person, and other appropriate health and hygiene measures.

You, and any person travelling with you, must be travelling for the purposes of delivering essential supplies into designated areas that can be delivered without community contact.

In the event that delivery requires contact with any members of the community in the designated area, you must hold an Approved Remote Essential Worker card or you will not be able to access the Designated Area.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact my office - details provided above.

Yours sincerely



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