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Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission and Related Matters) Amendment Regulations (No 4) 2024

Portfolio Immigration

On 19 September 2024, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that, on 24 July 2024, the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee agreed [ECO-24-MIN-0131]:
 - 1.1 to make the following classes of person visa waiver for travel to New Zealand on the condition they hold a valid NZeTA:
 - 1.1.1 cargo ship passengers and crew; and
 - 1.1.2 crew of foreign ship authorised by the Minister of Transport under section 198(2) of the Maritime Transport Act 1994 to carry coastal cargo;
 - 1.2 that the classes of person specified above are deemed to hold a visa and entry permission on arrival in New Zealand if they hold an NZeTA or are exempt from the requirement to do so;
 - 1.3 that the existing NZeTA policy framework apply to the classes of person above, as follows:
 - 1.3.1 maritime or aircraft crew are not required to pay the International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy (IVL) when they request a Crew NZeTA;
 - 1.3.2 a request for a Traveller NZeTA must be accompanied by payment of the IVL;
 - 1.3.3 crew flying to New Zealand to join a vessel or craft they are working on can travel to New Zealand on their Crew NZeTA and apply for a visa and entry permission on arrival (rather than applying for a visitor visa prior to travel);
 - 1.4 that any photos of customers' heads submitted with NZeTA requests be of acceptable quality;
- 2 **noted** that the Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Amendment Regulations (No 4) 2024 (the Amendment Regulations) will give effect to the decisions referred to in paragraph 1 above;

- 3 **noted** that the timing for the Amendment Regulations coming into force is as follows:
- 3.1 NZeTA photos will be required to be of acceptable quality on 24 October 2024;
 - 3.2 cargo ship crew and passengers will be able to apply for an NZeTA on 3 February 2025;
 - 3.3 the requirement for cargo ship crew and passengers, including those crew of foreign ships authorised by the Minister of Transport to carry coastal cargo, to hold an NZeTA before travel to New Zealand will come into force on 1 April 2025;
- 4 **noted** that section 403A of the Immigration Act 2009 requires that the Amendment Regulations be made only on the recommendation of the Minister of Immigration, and that the Minister recommends that they be made;
- 5 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters) Amendment Regulations (No 4) 2024 [PCO 26673/8.0].

Tom Kelly
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters (Chair)
Hon Nicola Willis
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Dr Shane Reti
Hon Erica Stanford
Hon Judith Collins KC
Hon Mark Mitchell
Hon Tama Potaka
Hon Casey Costello
Hon Nicole McKee
Hon Matt Doocey
Hon Andrew Bayly
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