

Asia Pacific Superyachts announces changes for cruising Indonesia

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Asia Pacific Superyachts (APS) Indonesia has announced that a range of changes have been made to the policy for visiting yachts in Indonesia.

The two most significant changes are an online CAIT process for agents, which will reduce CAIT process time from 1 month to around 1 working day (as yet untested). In addition, local clearances are abolished so we only need to clear at first and last port of call.

Changes to policy for visiting yachts will make cruising Indonesia easier

APS was invited to attend the recent coordination meeting for foreign yacht entry / exit Ports of Indonesia hosted by the Sea Transportation Department in Jakarta. This meeting highlighted the clarifications to Perpres 79 (2011) made under Perpres 180 (2014) including:

1. Foreign yachts ONLY need clearances at first entry and last exit ports; domestic clearances are NOT necessary. The SPB sailing permit issued by Harbormaster at first entry port covers all domestic travel up to exit port.
2. Cruising Permits from now on are issued via e-CAIT online system and both agents and private individuals can [apply online](#).
3. e-CAITs will be issued in the shortest time possible; aiming for 24 hours approval. Our clients will still apply through us but we are able as registered agents to complete the process faster online.
4. Foreign yacht Owners and their representatives can sign the guarantee for Customs temporary import (this was not specified in Perpres 79).
5. Foreign yachts are forbidden from commercial activity within Indonesian waters; no chartering.
6. New marine tourism facilities can be public – private partnerships and local Government are encouraged to facilitate such development.

During the meeting Customs and Immigration committed to aligning their processes with the online system, although how long and what format this make take is unclear.

“We consider this the biggest change to Indonesia’s foreign yacht policy and are excited to see how it all translates in reality during the coming years”, says APS Indonesia in a statement. Asia Pacific Superyachts Indonesia is an established specialist Superyacht Agency in Indonesia having brought over 150 yachts into Indonesia over a six year period, including many of the world’s biggest superyachts.

