

PORT CIRCULAR 7 OF 2021

To: All Ship Agents and Bunkering Operators

From: Captain of the Port

Date: 14 May 2021

Re: **GPA BUNKER BARGE CREW CHANGE PROTOCOL DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

Dear All

This Port Circular is specific for bunker barge crew changes during the COVID-19 Pandemic and must be adhered to. Please note that crew changes will be allowed to be continued by Gibraltar Port Authority subject to compliance with the following measures:-

TRAVELING FROM ANY COUNTRY OTHER THAN A 'RED LIST' COUNTRY OR SPAIN

Crew will be required to be tested (PCR) on day 1 and on day 5. During the period between day 1 and day 5 individuals will be required to self-isolate until a negative test result is received on day 5, after which they will be allowed to embark on the barge. In order to be considered as coming from Spain, crew must have been there for the previous 14 days, without symptoms nor a positive COVID-19 test during that time. If they have any symptoms, they must report them promptly to the Captain of the Port

FFP2 masks are to be worn at all times when not in isolation.

TRAVELLING FROM OR VIA A RED LIST COUNTRY

Red list countries – Angola, Argentina, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Burundi , Cape Verde, Chile, Colombia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ecuador, Eswatini, French Guiana, Guyana, India, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal Oman, Panama, Paraguay, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Seychelles, South Africa, Somalia, Suriname, Tanzania, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Crew will be required to be tested (PCR screening test) on day 1, day 5, and day 14. During the period between day 1 and day 14 crew will be required to self-isolate until a negative test result is received on day 14, after which they will be allowed to embark from the barge.

FFP2 masks are to be worn at all times when not in isolation.

DISEMBARKING CREW

Crew disembarking from a barge must be transported direct to the Airport or frontier and no overnight stay will be permitted. These crew will need to be conveyed in a 'dirty vehicle'.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATION FOR CREW MEMBERS

Please note that Maritime related personnel will need to be conveyed in a 'dirty vehicle'. For the benefit of any doubt the use of dirty vehicles are those that adhere to the following conditions:

Currently the following companies have adapted vehicles:

- Persian Rose (contactable via email taxiassociation@gibtelecom.net)
- Calypso
- Blands Travel
- Parody Tours
- Taxis (list of taxis which will be designated as dirty taxis and which will only be able to transport crew members to be provided by Taxi Association). These taxis will not be permitted to transfer local residents unless the taxi has been deeply cleaned.

Please note that transportation of seafarers is a third party arrangement between the agent and service provider. However, agents are to adhere to the companies stated above.

The GPA is to be copied into any transport arrangements on the following email spo@port.gov.gi.

Hotel accommodation for Maritime related personnel travelling from a 'Relevant Area' in the last 14 days have to be accommodated in a designated hotel. The following hotels are designated hotels for Maritime related personnel:

- Rock Hotel
- Holiday Inn Express
- Elliott Hotel
- Caleta Palace Hotel

Sunborn hotel **(will only accommodate crew which have been tested negative)**.

Please note that the accommodation of Maritime related personnel is a third party arrangement between the agent and service provider.

The agent must ensure that hotel accommodation is confirmed for Maritime related personnel that they represent for the duration of their stay.

Testing

It will be the responsibility of the shipping agent to ensure that the testing of seafarers and maritime personnel is conducted on the days as detailed in this circular.

Approved private providers:

- Maritime Medical Services Ltd – Tel: +35054075070 – Email: info@mms.gi
- College Clinic – Tel: +3502007777 – Email: Shipping@collegeclinic.gi
- Specialist Medical Clinic – Tel: +35020049999 – Email: info@smg.gi
- We Care - +35020041448 - Email: info@wecare.gi
- Strategic Business Consultants Ltd Tel:+35054061367 / 00447824517165 - Email: info@sbcgib.com

Ships Agents responsibility

All ships agents are responsible for the care of the crew whilst in Gibraltar. It is their duty to report anyone complaining of symptoms that could arise from COVID-19 promptly, and ensure that they are tested quickly after developing symptoms. Symptoms can be found at WWW.COVID.GI and include:


- **Fever**
- **Headache**
- **Loss of taste and/or smell**
- **Persistent cough**
- **Sore throat**
- **Burning eyes**
- **Muscle aches**
- **Severe unexplained tiredness**

A leaflet can be found here: <https://healthygibraltar.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Covid-Leaflet.-Slow-the-Spread.-7.4.20.pdf>

The agent must ensure that hotel accommodation is confirmed for all those crew members that they represent for the duration of the stay.

CAPTAN OF THE PORT

Annex 1

				<p>This form is to notify Civil Contingencies and hence Public Health Gibraltar of all on-boarders or off-boarders staying overnight in Gibraltar so swabbing can be carried out. Notification will be made to Agent of result. Addresses needed for contact tracing, if possible. If same day departure, then swabbing will not be mandatory. Please add pages if needed.</p>			
				<p>Please forward form once completed to Covidshipping@gibraltar.gov.gi</p>			
<p>CREW MEMBER – ENTRY/EXIT NOTIFICATION FORM</p>							
<p>COMPANY / AGENT NAME</p>							
<p>VESSEL</p>							
<p>COMPANY CONTACT NUMBER</p>							
<p>DATE OF REQUEST</p>							
<p>CREW ACCOMMODATION (HOTEL etc.,)</p>							
<p>NAME OF MEDICAL CLINIC CARRYING OUT TEST</p>							
<p>NAME OF DOCTOR</p>							
<p>DATE OF ARRIVAL / TIME</p>				<p>DATE: TIME:</p>			
<p>DATE OF DEPARTURE / TIME</p>				<p>DATE: TIME:</p>			
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