

## PORT CIRCULAR 1 OF 2016

To: All Shipping Agents

Cc: GPA Operations

From: Captain of the Port

Date: 15 January 2016

Re: MEDICAL CASES

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Dear All

Following a recent incident I wish to reinforce the importance of the need to alert the GPA as soon as you become aware of a medical case, whether it requires medical attention or not, on board a ship bound for Gibraltar. This includes ALL vessels expected to enter BGTW and those conducting OPL transfers outside of BGTW.

In particular, I would like to remind all agents / operators that it is **ESSENTIAL** that they have GPA approval prior to any patient being disembarked. The GPA, in consultation with the GHA will advise / arrange for a doctor, paramedic team or ambulance to attend either on board or at the point of disembarkation, as directed by the GPA. The GPA port launch or a service launch will be used for transfers.

The doctor or ambulance paramedics will inform the GPA on the condition of the patient before such patient is permitted to be landed at Gibraltar.

This procedure also applies to any crew member who needs to attend a medical clinic. GPA is to be notified prior to disembarkation of such crew member.

This Port Circular supersedes Port Circular No14 of 2013.

**BY ORDER OF THE CAPTAIN OF THE PORT**