

PORT CIRCULAR 21 OF 2020

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To: All Port Operators

From: Deputy Captain of the Port

Date: 8th September 2020

Re: **MARITIME RELATED PERSONNEL (SUPERINTENDENTS / SURVEYORS / TECHNICIANS)**

Dear All

This is an amendment and supersedes Update to Port Circular 16 of 2020

In regards to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, the Gibraltar Port Authority will allow for all maritime related personnel (SUPERINTENDENTS / SURVEYORS / TECHNICIANS) to attend vessels at Gibraltar subject to compliance with the following measures and the below mentioned parties being advised at least 24 hours in advance where possible:-

- Name of the vessel attending
- Name of the Individual
- Purpose of attendance onboard
- Contracting-out Employer (Other Member State Registered Employer)
- Contracting-in Gibraltar Registered Employer
- Location of Vessel:- at Anchor, Gibdock or Alongside
- Expected time of duration on-board the vessel
- Place of residency
- Will the individual be returning home or sailing with the vessel
- Has the individual attending been in a 'Relevant Area' in the last 14 days.

Any person attending a vessel as technician, surveyor or Superintendent coming from within the 'relevant area' as specified in the Civil Contingencies Emergency (Coronavirus Infection Risks Mitigation and Control Measures No.4) Regulations 2020 are required to comply with the instructions as per Annex 1.

Relevant area means any country, territory or other area outside the European Union but does not include-

- a) The United Kingdom, Jersey, Guernsey and Isle of Man;
- b) Andorra, Monaco, San Marino and the Vatican;
- c) A country, territory or area listed in the Schedule; Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland, Australia, Canada, Georgia, Japan, New Zealand, Rwanda, South Korea, Thailand, Tunisia, Uruguay or China must comply with this protocol.

The above information is to be sent to the following contact details for BCA and GPA;

Email:

shipping@bca.gov.gi
spo@port.gov.gi
work.permits@gibraltar.gov.gi

Any changes to vessels programme (day of arrival) needs to be communicated to the above addresses.

The above process will also cover maritime related personnel crossing the Gibraltar / Spanish border.

Travel Arrangements and Hotel Accommodation for Crew Members

Please note that Maritime Related Personnel travelling from a 'Relevant Area' 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:

1. Capacity to transport 22 pax.
2. The driver is separated from the passengers by a compartment (no physical or airborne contact).
3. The vehicle is only used to transport sea farers.
4. Maritime Related Personnel travelling from 'relevant areas' are not to be conveyed with other persons in the same vehicle unless travelling together.

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 locals unless the taxi has been deeply cleaned.

Please note that transportation of seafarers are 3rd party arrangements 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 emails above provided.

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 3rd 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.

Please note that Maritime Related Personnel travelling from 'Relevant Areas' attending super yachts will need to abide by this protocol with the difference that crew will be able to isolate onboard the yacht itself if this has the capacity to provide the safety requirements.

CAPTAIN OF THE PORT

Annex 1

OFFICE OF CIVIL CONTINGENCIES

GUIDANCE NOTES TO SHIPPING AGENTS – PORT CIRCULAR 20, 21 AND 22.

Dated: 8th September 2020

Information

Following the publication of Port Circular , 21 , the following guidance notes have been published:

1. Hotel stays are not conditioned to a minimum of 5 days, nor is there a maximum stay period.
2. Maritime Related Personnel are considered suspect cases which could be incubating. In which case they are required to stay isolated to their rooms or yacht/vessel as the case may be if travelling I the last 14 days from a 'Relevant Area'.
3. If travelling from a 'Relevant Area' Maritime Related Personnel will be required to be tested on day 1 and on day 5. During the period between day 1 and day 5 the individual is allowed to go directly to the place of work and return to their accommodation. They are not allowed to mix with other individuals outside the work routine.
3. On day 5, if tested negative Maritime Related Personnel can move around Gibraltar with an FFP2 or N95 mask (or better quality if available). They are confined to their rooms or cabins until then.
4. Stays under 5 days- in the case that Maritime Related Personnel are staying at a hotel or yacht for less than 5 days, a test will be conducted on day 1. There will be a requirement to conduct a second test between day 3 to 5, preferably nearest to the day of travel / embarkation (or unless directed otherwise by DPH).
5. Short day stay – Maritime Related Personnel who are accommodated temporarily at a hotel awaiting embarkation (no overnight stay) will be required to be isolated in a designated hotel area. Use of FFP2 / N95 masks and use of hand gel at all times is required. Crew members are not to mix with crew from different ships.