

PORT CIRCULAR 6 OF 2021 (UPDATED)

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To: All Port Operators

From: Captain of the Port

Date: 2 July 2021

Re: **MANAGEMENT OF SEAFARER AND MARITIME RELATED PERSONNEL UNDER CIVIL CONTINGENCIES EMERGENCY (CORONAVIRUS) EMERGENCY REGULATIONS**

1. **ENTRY / TESTING / ISOLATION / REQUIREMENTS**

Seafarers (includes yacht personnel) and maritime related personnel (Superintendents / Surveyors / Technicians) are subject to different testing and isolation requirements depending from which country they have been travelling from.

1.1 **Travelling from Spain**

1.1.1 If travelling from Spain, having been there for the previous 10 days, without symptoms nor a positive COVID19 test, no special requirements apply. If symptoms that could be COVID-19 have been experienced, the shipping agent and/or crew member must report it to the Captain of the Port.

1.2 **Traveling from any country other than a 'Red List' Country**

1.2.1 Will be required to be tested on arrival. If staying in Gibraltar before embarkation will require a further test on day 5. During the period between day 1 and day 5 will be required to self-isolate until a negative test result is received on day 5, after which will be allowed to mix with the rest of the community. In the case of maritime related personnel, during the period of self-isolation, 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 of their work routine. They must wear a mask at all times when outside their residential address.

1.2.2 In the case that the vessel left a non-red list country and has been at sea all the time without touching any other port before arriving at Gibraltar, then the days at sea can be discounted from the 5 days isolation period requirement, as long as the crew are free from symptoms when they arrive in Gibraltar. i.e. vessel 'A' leaves Portugal and has been at sea for 3 days when they arrive in Gibraltar. The crew will only be required to self-isolate for 2 days and then allowed to mix with the rest of the community, after a negative lateral flow test. For

this concession to be applied, the crew member must have had a negative test prior to departure. The net effect is that there will have been two negative tests before anyone is allowed to mix with the community at large.

1.2.3 Maritime related personnel travelling from the UK and having been in the UK for the previous 10 days before flying to Gibraltar, will only be required to have a lateral flow test on day 1 and day 5.

1.2.4 FFP2 masks are to be worn at all times when not in isolation. Eating, drinking or smoking are only allowed when done in isolation, and preferably outside.

1.3 Travelling from a Red List country

1.3.1 **Red list country** – Afghanistan, Angola, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Burundi , Cape Verde, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ecuador, Egypt, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, French Guiana, Guyana, Haiti, India, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Maldives, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Oman, Panama, Paraguay, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Seychelles, South Africa, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Tanzania, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Uganda, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

1.3.2 There will be a requirement to test (PCR) on arrival. If staying in Gibraltar before embarkation there will be a further requirement to test on day 5, and day 10. During the period between day 1 and day 10 will be required to self-isolate until a negative test result is received on day 10, after which individuals will be allowed to mix with the rest of the community. In the case of maritime related personnel, the individual is not allowed to mix with other individuals and must remain isolated until 10 days have passed and a negative test result received.

1.3.3 FFP2 masks are to be worn at all times when not in isolation. Eating, drinking or smoking are not allowed when outside the residential setting.

1.3.4 In the case that any seafarer or maritime related personnel joins a yacht from a red list country within the last 10 days the whole vessel will be subjected to the testing and self-isolating regime as if they had all been to a red list country.

1.3.5 In the case that the vessel left a red list country and has been at sea all the time without touching any other port before arriving at Gibraltar, then the days at sea can be discounted from the 10 days isolation period requirement as long as the crew are free from symptoms when they arrive in Gibraltar. .e. vessel 'A' leaves Argentina and has been at sea for 5 days when they arrive in Gibraltar. The crew will only be required to self-isolate for 5 days and then allowed to mix with the rest of the community. For this concession to be applied, the crew must have had a negative test prior to arrival. The net effect is that there will have been two negative tests before anyone is allowed to mix with the community at large.

1.3.6 Any seafarer or maritime personnel who arrive two weeks after having a full course of vaccination, will be treated as travelling from a non-red list country (1.2). The vaccinations will be those for SARS-CoV-2, recognised either by the Centre for Disease Control in USA, MHRA in the UK, European Medicines Agency in the EU or by the World Health Organisation. Proof of administration will be required before this concession will be granted.

1.4. Stays under 5 days

1.4.1 Stays under 5 days : In the case that the seafarer or the maritime related personnel is staying at a hotel or yacht for less than 5 days a test will be conducted on arrival, day 1. A second test will be required to be conducted between day 3 and day 5, preferably nearest to the date of travel / embarkation (unless directed otherwise by the Director of Public Health). The individuals will be confined to their rooms or cabins until the day of travel / embarkation.

1.4.2 Short stay : crew members whom are accommodated temporarily at a hotel awaiting embarkation (less than 12 hours) will be required to be isolated in a designated hotel room. Crew members are not to mix with crew from different ships or hotel guests.

2.1 **TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATION FOR CREW MEMBERS**

2.1.1 Please note that sea fearers and maritime related personnel 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 (Not applicable to maritime related personnel residing in Spain or having been in UK 10 days preceding before travel):

2.1.2 Currently the following companies have adapted vehicles:

- Blands Travel
- Parody Tours
- Persian Rose (contactable via email taxiassociation@gibtelecom.net)
- Calypso
- 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 deep-cleaned.

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

2.1.4 The Gibraltar Port Authority is to be copied into any transport arrangements on the following email – spo@port.gov.gi

2.1.5 The following hotels are designated hotels for maritime related operations:

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

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

2.1.7 Please note that the accommodation of maritime related operations is a third party arrangement between the agent and service provider.

2.1.8 The agent must ensure that hotel accommodation is confirmed for maritime related persons that they represent for the duration of their stay.

2.1.9 Please note that yacht crew attending superyachts will need to abide by this protocol with the difference that crew will be able to isolate on board the yacht itself if this has the capacity to provide the safety requirements.

3.1.1 **TESTING**

3.1.1 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.

3.1.2 Approved private clinics:

- Specialist Medical Clinic – Tel: +35020049999 – email: info@smg.gi

- We Care - +35020041448 - email: info@wecare.gi
- Strategic Business Consultants Ltd [Tel:+35054061367](tel:+35054061367) / [00447824517165](tel:00447824517165) – email: info@sbcgib.com
- College Clinic – Tel: +350 20077777; Out of hours number +350 56004003– email: Shipping@collegeclinic.gi
- Maritime Medical Services Ltd – Tel: +35054075070 – email: info@mms.gi

4.1.1 SHIPS AGENTS' RESPONSIBILITY

All ships agents are responsible for the care of 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:

- Headache
- Blocked nose
- Weakness or severe fatigue
- Muscle ache
- Runny nose/eyes
- Loss of taste/smell and/or appetite
- Sore throat
- Fever
- Tummy upset including diarrhoea
- Persistent cough
- Burning eyes

The most important symptoms are listed in priority order, and take account of emerging findings from the Delta variant. Anyone with two or more of these symptoms will need to be screened for possible Covid infection, and the agent should ring 111, when the crewman will be assessed. Until give the all clear, they will be assumed to have a COVID-related infection, and will need to isolate.

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

- 4.1.2 The agent must ensure that hotel accommodation is confirmed for all those crew members that they represent for the duration of their stay. Crew members from super yachts will be able to isolate on board the yacht, the vessel capacity allowing.

5.1.1 YACHTS / LOCAL SMALL BOATS

- 5.1.1 Every vessel arriving into local waters must submit a written declaration or electronic pre arrival declaration using the ASYCUDA portal at <https://www.hmcustoms.gov.gi/giawclient/> (ASYCUDA) or submit a written report using the attached form to the Captain of the Port to the following e-mail address ops@port.gov.gi

- 5.1.2 This is a legal requirement under the Port Rules (Port Rules). Rule 7A provides as follows:

1) Subject to the provisions of sub-rule (2) the master of every vessel arriving at the Port from outside the territorial waters of Gibraltar, shall supply and deliver to the Captain of the Port a written report containing the information specified in Part I of Schedule 7 if such vessel is other than a yacht and the information contained in Part II of Schedule 7 if such vessel is a yacht.

(2) The provisions of sub-rule (1) shall not apply if the voyage started from Gibraltar and since leaving Gibraltar the vessel has neither touched land nor had contact with any other vessel, Crew, Passenger and

Store declaration. 7B.A vessel that is a yacht shall make a Crew, Passenger and Store Declaration electronically to the Captain of the Port in a form approved by the Captain of the Port.

5.1.3 Marinas are advised that the following protocol is to be adhered to with immediate effect in respect of yacht arrivals.

CAPTAIN OF THE PORT

