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Notice To Mariners No. 284

SUBJECT : VESSEL CREW CHANGE REQUIREMENT DURING COVID -19 PERIOD

With reference to FTA circular No. 12/2020 concerning adopting resumption of UAE Maritime activities and allowing the crew changes in UAE Ports & waters, comply with the following procedures to submit seafarers crew change & shore leave in Port of Fujairah (vessels at Port of Fujairah and Fujairah Offshore Anchorage),

General Notes

Ship's agent for crew changes has the following responsibilities,

1. Bear the responsibilities to return the seafarer to his ship or provide a safe medical shelter if the COVID test was positive in accordance with the required instructions imposed by the health authorities in UAE.
2. Bear the responsibilities of the seafarer from the moment he/she disembarks the vessel until he/she leaves the country, or Vice versa.
3. Carry out the PCR test for the seafarer disembarking his/her vessel.
4. Ensure that the seafarer is transferred directly between the vessel and the airport or point of departure/arrival as far as reasonably practicable.
5. Provide the seafarers with all COVID-19 pandemic relevant laws and precautionary measures followed in the UAE and the importance of adhering to them, in addition he should provide them with the information related to the penalties imposed in case of violation, an acknowledgement from the seafarer to be documented.
6. Ensure that he/she will Not disembark without a negative PCR test.

1. Crew Change

1.1 Signing-on

1.1.1 Obtain a seafarer entry visa (96 hours' visa).

1.1.2 The compulsory laboratory test for all seafarers wishing to enter the country without any exemption. The shipping agent should bear the responsibility to return the seafarer to his ship or provide a safe medical shelter if the COVID test was positive in accordance with the required instructions imposed by the health authorities in UAE.

1.2 Signing-off

1.2.1 Provide the port authority with the Maritime Declaration of Health confirming the crew are free from any symptoms or epidemics, subject to penalties in force in the UAE in the event of presenting an incorrect health declaration report.

1.2.2 Provide ship's agent and Master declaration for the crew.

1.2.3 Obtain confirmed flight booking (Departure Ticket) on the nearest available flight.

1.2.4 Obtain a seafarer entry visa (96 hours' visa).

1.2.5 The seafarer should go through the required COVID 19 test as specified by the UAE health authorities.

1.2.6 In case of Positive result of the test, the shipping agent should follow the required instructions applied by the competent authorities

1.2.7 Ship's agent should submit the following copies of documents to Port of Fujairah Immigration Department for obtaining a seafarers entry (96 hours visa)

- a) Ship's Crew Change Agent Declaration (Crew Change – F1),
- b) Details of signing-off ship's crew
- c) Ship's Agent & Master Declaration with stamp from Marine Department.
- d) Health Declaration from Ship Master.
- e) Confirmed flight booking (departure ticket).

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2 Ship Repairs Facilities Procedures

- 2.1 Provide ship repair facilities with the Maritime Declaration of Health, that seafarers are free of any infectious diseases or epidemics before accepting the vessel.
- 2.2 Ship repair facilities measure seafarers' temperatures on a daily basis until their departure, in anticipation of any Covid-19 cases.
- 2.3. Restrict seafarers' movement around to prevent unnecessary contact in the docks and maintenance workshops
- 2.4. Appoint a designated person by the ship repairs facilities to record the names of the supervisors and their employees on a daily basis those who are in charge of the maintenance of the ship, in order to facilitate the information of those in contact with the suspected cases on the ship later.
- 2.5. Follow all required isolation procedures on the ship in the event that there is a suspected case of Covid-19 or any other contagious diseases, and promptly inform the concerned health authorities.

3. Ships and Offshore Supply Vessels Procedures

- 3.1. Request a Maritime Declaration of Health (according to the model provided by the WHO) and a pledge by the captain that confirms the vessel is free of any contagious diseases, as an alternative for the requirements for any tests.
- 3.2. Imposing quarantine on ships and marine units suspected of having symptoms of infectious diseases or any epidemics between their crew. The suspected ship or marine unit is not allowed to carry out any operations in UAE waters and ports except after going through the required tests as specified by the UAE health authorities.
- 3.3 Resume issuing Entry and Exit visas for seafarers with residence permits, who are working on national or foreign ships and off shore supply vessels which has a navigation license in the UAE, to ensure facilitation of its business and its transportation inside and outside the UAE.

4. Passenger Ships Procedure

- 4.1. Maintain prohibiting Passenger ships from calling and docking in UAE waters and ports.
- 4.2. Maintain prohibiting Passenger ships already docked at UAE ports from conducting any activity whatsoever.

5. Ferries Procedures

Continue to prohibit any passenger ferries activity at the present time in UAE waters and ports, with the exception of deporting the stranded passengers only, and after taking the necessary approvals from the local authorities in the UAE and the concerned embassies to ensure the smooth reception of them in the country of arrival.

6. Wooden Ships (Dhows) Procedures

Maintain existing procedures to prevent wooden ships (Dhows) from staying for more than 7 days, and not to receive the ships without confirming the presence of goods ready to be transported, in order to reduce the period of their stay in UAE waters.

The Dhow's shipping agent should submit the following documents to Coast Guard and Port of Fujairah (Marine Department, Immigration and Customs),

- a. Declaration of Health confirming the Dhow crew are free from any symptoms or epidemics.
- b. Dhow Seafarers should go through the required COVID 19 test.
- c. Dhow will shift to cargo operation quay after completion of inspection.

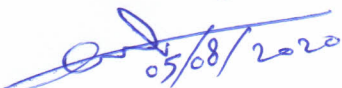
7. Yacht Procedures

Yachts are allowed to call Port of Fujairah for inward clearance (2 hours max on quay) then shift to Marina Club, subject to submission of the following,

- a. Provide the declaration of health confirming the crew are free from any symptoms or epidemics.
- b. Yacht crew should go through COVID-19 test or have valid COVID 19 test as specified by UAE Health Authorities.

The above Protocol will be in effect from 02/08/2020 and will remain valid till further instruction.

Thanks & Regards,



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