

NOTICE TO MARINERS

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Peel Ports Group – COVID-19 UK Travel Restrictions Guidance for Ship Owners and Operators

The UK Government has issued travel bans and restrictions for passengers arriving into the UK from a number of South American and South African countries as well as Portugal (this includes Angola, Argentina, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Burundi, Cape Verde, Chile, Colombia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ecuador, Eswatini, French Guiana, Guyana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal (including Madeira and the Azores), Rwanda, Seychelles, South Africa, Suriname, Tanzania, United Arab Emirates (UAE), Uruguay, Venezuela, Zambia, Zimbabwe) .The travel restrictions apply to everybody, there are no exceptions for seafarers which means that if the ship left Portugal less than 10 days previous to arrival into a UK port, the crew will not be permitted entry into the country and will have remain on board for the remainder of the 10 day quarantine period provided there are no emergent cases or declared symptomatic crew. This does not include British and Irish Nationals, or third country nationals with residence rights in the UK, who will be able to enter the UK but are required to self-isolate for 10 days on arrival along with their household.

If required to undertake technical checks or similar tasks crew will be permitted to step ashore to complete those duties but in close consultation with the terminal staff. **No visitors will be permitted to board the vessel.** Any emergency requirements will continue to be met under strict protocols and will be co-ordinated by port staff.

There has been no change to the UK policy stating that we will continue to do our utmost to safely facilitate crew changes within the UK, providing that current UK travel policies are adhered to. Vessel agents are asked to keep in close contact with the local port health authority, UK Border Force and Peel Ports management team to co-ordinate any permitted crew change arrangements

Ships are reminded to submit their Maritime Declarations of Health before arrival as per current procedures and attention is drawn to Medway Notice to Mariners 6 & 7 of 2021 and NASBO 9,10 & 11 of 2021 which refer to extant COVID guidelines and pilot boarding procedures.

Latest guidance on travel restrictions can be found www.gov.uk

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