



TECHNICAL CIRCULAR No. 697 of 5th September 2021

To	All Surveyors/Auditors. All flags
Title	Anti-COVID measures by shipping industry
Reference	IMO Protocols

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The shipping industry is taking a great number of measures to keep its crews and shore side communities safe from COVID.

COVID control measures taken by the shipping industry include, but are not limited to:

- Protocols, circulars, and guidelines issued by the IMO
- Guidance issued by the International Chamber of Shipping
- Requiring on-signing seafarers to complete COVID-specific screenings and declarations
- Requiring on-signing seafarers to have their temperature taken and record prior to boarding
- Requiring on-signing seafarers to be tested for COVID prior to boarding
- Requiring on-signing seafarers to be tested in their countries of residence pre-deployment
- Having contingency plans in place in the event any given seafarer did not pass screening protocols
- Briefing seafarers about COVID, the IMO protocols and their employer's protocols
- Home quarantining of seafarers for 14 days prior to boarding
- Hotel quarantining where appropriate
- Flights being arranged within 48 hours of the COVID test
- Crew required to wear gloves, face masks, face shields, etc. when in transit; used of hand sanitizer
- Seafarers physically distancing as much as possible while in transit and on ship
- Cancellation of shore leave
- No or limited interaction with shoreside personnel, for instance: exchange of mandatory documents is being done by shoreside staff placing documents in a container which ship crew than hoist up over the side of the ship; documents from the ship are returned in the same way; crew are directed to stay far away from safety-related shoreside personnel, such as marine

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pilots, who are required to board ships

- Controls and restrictions on access to, and movement around, ships by shoreside personnel
- Crew transiting, where possible, in segregated vehicles if possible
- En-route transiting crew provided with food to avoid need to visit diners, food stalls etc.
- Conducting of temperature checks on crew members during voyage
- Disinfection onboard work surfaces, especially high-touch work surfaces (rails, buttons, doorways, gangways)
- Development of shipboard plans and procedures for all the above

REFERENCES:

- IMO Protocols

ATTACHMENTS: No

Kindest Regards,
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