

FONASBA COVID-19 BULLETIN



AN UPDATE ON MEASURES BEING TAKEN TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 BY MERCHANT SHIPPING – No. 107 19.10.2021

Further updates on COVID-19 precautions have been received from members as summarized below. As always, please contact the relevant association for more guidance.

Algeria	<p>All Algerian Ports are open to commercial operations both for import and export and applying recommended sanitary measures.</p> <p>Despite of the traffic restrictions borne by the COVID-19 protective measures most terminals have returned to normal working schedules.</p> <p>Free pratique and start operations always subject to sanitary service green light granted further their inspection which could be carried out either on road or at berth at the discretion of local authorities who requires a list of documents to be sent 48 hrs. prior arrival or upon departure for short sea transit. This list includes IMO crew list, recent crew change list, crew temperature list, last 10 ports of call and medical declaration of health.</p> <p>Compulsory disinfection of ships at owners/operators' expense is required at most Algerian ports.</p> <p>The boarding of the ship by the various control services (Border Police, Customs, Shipping Agents, Coast Guard, etc.) is reduced to the strict minimum.</p> <p>Getting off to shore is not allowed for crewmembers, except in cases of force majeure, (sickness, serious issues etc.); moreover, crew changes are not allowed to be carried out in Algeria.</p> <p>Personnel who handle and are in contact with ships (Dockers, pilots, shipping agents, Customs, etc.) are all protected by standard equipment.</p>
Argentina	<p>Although the Health Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic is still in force in Argentina, based on the advancement of vaccination coverage and the sustained decrease in the number of positive cases and deceases registered in the country, easing of restrictions on both, internal circulation and in the opening of borders, have been applied by government.</p> <p>In this sense, as from November 1st, the border will be opened for all foreigners who strictly comply with sanitary and migration protocols and requirements. To this respect, foreigners must comply with (1) complete vaccination schedule; (2) negative PCR tests at performed within 72 hours before entering the country; and (3) PCR between the fifth and seventh day of arrival.</p> <p>Replacement of foreign crews are allowed as from October 20th.</p> <p>On the other hand, the renewal of bi-oceanic and Antarctic cruise activity for this season has been authorized also as from October 20th, for which a frequency of up to 5 weekly ships will be fixed and that shall comply all protocols and operate up to a 50% of its capacity as determined by the health authority. Among other things, cruise companies must define a contingency plan to establish the protocol to apply in the event of a</p>

	<p>positive COVID-19 case or outbreak onboard, which must be approved by the National Authorities.</p> <p>Translations of the updated regulations are attached, courtesy of Centro de Navegación. The original documents in Spanish can be found at:</p> <p>https://www.argentina.gob.ar/puertos-vias-navegables-y-marina-mercante/protocolo-prevencion-covid-19-en-el-transporte-fluvial</p>
Australia	<p>The crew change situation in Australia remains complicated by differing Federal and state limitations, as well as rapid changes to policies. Shipping Australia have therefore issued the following guidance on their website:</p> <p>“Seafarers and crew change managers booking flights to Australia may wish to carefully think about their travel plans prior to booking.</p> <p>Travel to Australia remains difficult. Australia has severe and short limits on the numbers of people - even including its own citizens - it will allow into the country each week.</p> <p>Travel within Australia can be extremely difficult or, alternatively, easy. Whether it is difficult or easy is completely dependent on the situation at the time. NOTE: the rules are extremely fluid and can change at any time. For instance, there are numerous examples of people being caught-out on the wrong side of a border after travel restrictions have been announced. Those people were then stuck for days, weeks and months. There have also been instances where plane-loads of passengers have taken off, only for the rules to change mid-flight and the passengers were then forced into quarantine (or sent home) upon arrival at their destination.</p> <p>Queensland, however, remains the easiest jurisdiction in which to carry out crew changes in Australia”.</p> <p>The SAL website (www.shippingaustralia.com.au/covid-19-shipping-update) is regularly updated with detailed information on crew changes and the current Federal and state restrictions.</p>
Belgium	<p>The major Belgian ports of Antwerp, Bruges, Ghent, Ostend and Zeebrugge are now offering the Johnson and Johnson one-shot vaccine to foreign seafarers, regardless of nationality, arriving in Belgium as either a current crew member or an on or off-signer.</p> <p>In those ports, vaccinations are provided by a mobile unit that visits the vessels, rather than requiring the crew members to travel to a centre ashore, as elsewhere. Further information on the programme and the processes for booking vaccination visits can be obtained by contacting the local agent or through NAVES, hilde.bruggeman@naves.be</p>
Brazil	<p>Some states have declared a 14-day lockdown since most cities has now reached full hospital intensive care capacity. The beginning of this period can vary as decided by each State but, in general, it should happen during the 2nd half of March.</p> <p>At present, and despite of adverse situation, the Brazilian ports are still maintaining their regular loading and unloading cargo operations, as well as the crew change arrangements considering the precautions recommended by IMO. The situation may change at any time and a more aggressive level of restrictive measures could be adopted, thereby affecting a foreign trade chain and specifically a movement of cargo and crew change in Brazilian ports. We will provide updates as the situation changes.</p>
Cabo Verde	<p>We have been able to secure the green light from Cabo Verde Health Authorities to offer vaccination to any seafarers of any nationality that call Mindelo. Due to their good</p>

	<p>diplomatic relations, we expect the quantity of vaccines available at this stage is more than enough for the local population in Cabo Verde, hence their agreement to assist this urgent issue for the international shipping community.</p> <p>The vaccines are available both to vessels calling Mindelo for cargo operations but also for those who decide to have a “vaccination only” call. In close coordination with health authorities, we will adopt following procedure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Request to be made to the agent 10 days before intended vessel call - Health Authorities will confirm vaccines available within 3 working days - Port call to be done on standard procedure (clearance, standard costs, agency fee, etc.). Same to be done on anchorage or at berth, subject to owner preference and berth availability - We will arrange vaccination on board OR crew to come to vaccination centre in 2 groups. - Service fee applicable depending on number of crew members to be vaccinated. <p>Health authorities expect vaccine to be Astra Zeneca and they are available to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Give two doses if vessel calls Cabo Verde within the period (or stays for 4 weeks) - Give dose number one - Give dose number two <p>Although small, we believe this is an important step to contribute to ease restrictions on crew changes and improve live and work conditions to seafarers.</p>
Cyprus	<p>By means of Circular 27/2021, Cyprus has made some stocks of EMA-approved vaccines available to seafarers serving on board ships which are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>flying the flag of Cyprus; and</i> 2. <i>are managed by a legal entity based and taxed in Cyprus, if the ship in question calls at a Cyprus port, anchorages or roadstead located in the territory of Cyprus.</i> <p>Further information can be found on the Circular that is available here:</p>
Denmark	<p>Since the outbreak of Covid-19, seafarers legal right to shore leave has been restricted in Denmark. But from 25. October 2021 these restrictions are finally removed, so that seafarers no longer need to present documentation for EU approved vaccination or negative corona test to be able to use the right to shore leave. Contact Jesper Sebbelin jese@di.dk with any questions.</p> <p>Update of vaccination of seafarers in Danish ports and onboard vessels navigating through Danish waters:</p> <p>The official COVID-19 Government website coronasmitte.dk now publishes the ability to buy J&J vaccines for seafarers in Danish ports and onboard vessel navigating through Danish waters. The website updates a list of potential vendors, of which another vendor Copenhagen Medical has been announced on 11. October 2021 and is not yet in the authority list.</p> <p>On 20th August, Denmark has revised its entry requirements for cruise passengers. Unvaccinated passengers can travel to Denmark but all passengers or crew, whether vaccinated or not, must provide evidence of a recent negative test before being allowed ashore. The time limits for tests are 48 hours prior to arrival for an antigen/lateral flow test and 72 hours prior for a PCR test. This measure is due for review on 31st October.</p>

	<p>Denmark changed its travel restrictions and announcements are published by the Danish Foreign Ministry on a weekly basis on www.um.dk, which also determines which color code each country is placed in. The rules governing travelling privately and for business can be studied in the Danish authorities' official website at: https://en.coronasmitte.dk. Seafarers and maritime personnel can still travel, but if they origin from Code Red country, e.g. India and Russia, they will only be allowed off-signing to travel home.</p> <p>The cruise industry re-opened in Denmark with restrictions on 26th June 2021 and the first cruise vessel call takes place today on the 14. July 2021. All passengers must have a documented proof of completed Covid-19 vaccination, with EMA approved vaccines which must have been conducted in EU, Schengen and OECD. The Crew members are not obliged to be vaccinated, however their usual legal right to shore leave has been suspended. Crew may work alongside the key with maintenance, waste disposal and supplies. Children younger than 16 years who is not vaccinated may travel with fully vaccinated parents but should then observe the corona test obligations and country of origin. Cruise Lines may conduct turn-around of passengers and crews in Denmark, but crew changes must be approved by both the Police and Health Authority, normally only the Police exercise this. When in port the passengers may visit shore individually or on tours.</p>
Dubai	<p>The authorities have now introduced the UAE Maritime Activities Return to Work Safely Protocol. The Protocol takes into prospective the following overarching principles:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adhere to public health requirements and precautionary measures in the UAE for maritime workers and those involved in marine activities. 2. Pre-registration of crew members' itinerary to join ships or return home. 3. Crew members' self-monitoring of traveler's health, in addition to knowledge of precautionary instructions and procedures, starting and during travel. 4. A Maritime Declaration of Health (according to the model of the WHO) and a pledge by the captain of the ship regarding the absence of any contagious diseases. 5. Any other mandatory requirements issued that require adherence, before departure or when ships come to ports or dry docks within UAE, or when conducting marine activities. 6. A designated person in every port and dry dock facility to follow up on all issues related to the prevention of COVID-19 pandemic and submit an internal daily report in order to review the procedures and to continuously improve them. <p>1. Crew change procedures. Crew change is permitted in the UAE ports and waters, taking into considerations the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 Signing-on: - Obtain a seafarer entry visa (96 hours' visa). - 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: - 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide the immigration office in the port with a copy of the same above mentioned declaration. - Obtain confirmed flight booking (Departure Ticket) on the nearest available flight. - Obtain a seafarer entry visa (96 hours' visa). - The seafarer should go through the required COVID 19 test as specified by the UAE health authorities. - in case of Positive result of the test, the shipping agent should follow the required instructions applied by the competent authorities <p>2. Dry Docks and Ship Repairs Facilities Procedures</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide dry docks and ship repair facilities with the Maritime Declaration of Health, that seafarers are free of any infectious diseases or epidemics before accepting the vessel. 2. Dry docks and ship repair facilities measure seafarers' temperatures on a daily basis until their departure, in anticipation of any Covid-19 cases. 3. Restrict seafarers' movement around to prevent unnecessary contact in the docks and maintenance workshops 4. Appoint a designated person by the dry dock or 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. 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. <p>3. Ships and Off-Shore Supply Vessels Procedures</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. 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. <p>4. Passenger Ships Procedures</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintain prohibiting Passenger ships from calling and docking in UAE waters and ports. 2. Maintain prohibiting Passenger ships already docked at UAE ports from conducting any activity whatsoever. <p>5. Ferries Procedures</p> <p>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</p>
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	<p>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.</p> <p>6. Wooden Ships (Dhows) Procedures</p> <p>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.</p> <p>7. Yachts and Leisure Boats Procedures</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lift the restrictions on the use of leisure boats, yachts, commercial charter, pleasure and touring activities, taking into consideration adhering to the approved capacity of 50% of the actual vessel capacity at this stage, and complying with the approved health guidelines and using the personal protective equipment. 2. Allow visiting foreign flag yachts to call UAE waters, ports and marinas, and resume issuing the sailing permit for them by the Federal Transport Authority –Land & Maritime, so long as they present Maritime Declaration of Health (according to the model provided by World Health Organization) confirming that the crew are free from any symptoms or contagious diseases before arriving at the first point of entry in the UAE, subject to the penalties in force in the UAE in the event of presenting an incorrect health declaration report. 3. Restrict the use of the Jet ski by its rider only, without allowing additional passenger. <p>8. Shore Passes Procedures</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Suspend the 24 hours' shore passes (permits to visit the city), with possible exception for seafarers on board yachts, recreational boats and ships which has been in the country for a period of more than 14 days, provided that they comply with the enforced health requirements in the UAE. 2. The agent should 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, he should document their acknowledgment of receiving theses information from him. 3. The port should measure seafarer's temperature before authorizing them to leave the port gate as a precautionary measure to monitor any symptoms that may indicate infection with Covid-19. <p>9. Protocol Review and Update Mechanism In coordination with the concerned entities in the UAE, the competent authorities will review and update the protocol periodically and when needed in the event of substantial developments in the Covid-19 pandemic procedures.</p>
Egypt	<p>The following advice has just been released by the Egyptian health authorities:</p> <p>Kindly be informed and act accordingly with the necessary for quarantine at airports, seaports and crossing points regarding the update of the regulations, prescribed health measures & formalities regarding the vaccine against coronavirus and the requirement of having a coronavirus vaccine certificate as follows:</p> <p>Arrivals with coronavirus vaccine certificate:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrivals who have a vaccine certificate against coronavirus from countries affected by strains of coronavirus at India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Bhutan , Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Brazil, Latin America: The following will be applied: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Revising the vaccine certificate against coronavirus with the arrivals and accepting the approved certificates in the country of issuance without scraping or adding any wording to the certificate, also the certificate must be with the QR Code, only then it will be accepted after making sure of place of issuance of the certificates. Making ID NOW COVID-19 test analysis and in case being positive, a PCR test will be carried at destination of arrival and in case of being positive the arrival will be sent to fever hospital to take the necessary protocol. Arrival with the vaccine certificate against coronavirus from countries not affected with strains of coronavirus directly or indirectly during the past 14 days, the certificate will be approved after being revised with the country of issue and the certificate must be without scraping or any additional notes and it also must include the QR Code. The vaccines approved by the International Health Organization, and Egyptian Medicine Authority are accepted taking into consideration that 14 days must pass the date of the 2nd dose of the vaccine for vaccines given on 2 doses (Pfizer, AstraZeneca, Moderna, Sinopharm, Sinovac, Sputnik) or 14 days to pass the date of having the first dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine. <p>Arrival without a coronavirus vaccine certificate:</p> <p>They must follow the rules and health measures taken in that regard in view of the decision taken by prime Minister and in related circulars.</p>
Finland	See the advice on crew changes (and other travel arrangements), previously circulated under update no. 78.
Germany	<p>Johnson & Johnson one-shot vaccines are now available for the inoculation of seafarers in Hamburg, Kiel, Bremen, Bremerhaven and now Lübeck. The times and dates on which seafarer vaccinations take place vary from port to port, as do the arrangements for booking appointments. In Lübeck, free vaccinations are available for seafarers of any nationality without an appointment in the following period:</p> <p>Thursday, October 21st, to Saturday, October 23rd, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The vaccination event takes place at Sophienstr. 19-21.</p> <p>For further details, contact the port agent, owners' representative or, in the case of vaccinations in Hamburg, the German Shipbrokers association, ZVDS, at: info@schiffsmakler.de. (See the attached flyer for up-dated information on the Bremerhaven vaccination centre).</p>
Israel	<p>With immediate effect, entrance to Israel will be allowed only to vaccinated crewmembers/technicians.</p> <p>However, even If they hold a vaccination document, entrance will not be granted, from the following countries: India, Brazil, South Africa, Russia, Argentina, and Mexico.</p> <p>Applications must be submitted to Mr. Ofer Talker, Chief Inspector at the Ministry of Transportation (talkero@mot.gov.il) 5-business days prior arrival. No isolation is required before arrival. A Corona test is required 48 hours before flying and upon landing a PCR test is also required.</p>

Italy	<p>With effect from 12th July, seafarers in the ports of Genoa and La Spezia can obtain a COVID-19 vaccination without appointment in a specially established facility at the Genoa Conference Centre (Fiera del Mare). The facility is open Monday to Friday from 08.00 – 17.00. Seafarers wishing to make use of this facility are recommended to organise their visits via the agent. A seaman's identity document (or letter from the Master countersigned by the Port Health Authority) will require to be produced on arrival.</p> <p>Vaccinations of crews of cruise vessels can also be arranged but will require the prior authorisation of the Port Health Authority. Again, coordination via the agent is recommended.</p> <p>DECREE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CABINET - 14 January 2021</p> <p>Art. 9</p> <p>Obligations of carriers and shipowners</p> <p>1. Carriers and shipowners are required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) acquire and verify before boarding the declaration referred to in art. 7; b) check the body temperature of each passengers; c) prohibit boarding for those who are or have been feverish, as well as who have not completed the declaration referred to in (a); d) adopt all measures which, in accordance with the "Shared Regulatory Protocol to contain the spread of COVID-19 in transport and logistics sector" signed on 20 March 2020, as referred to in Annex 14, "Organizational arrangements to contain the spread of COVID-19 in the field of public transport" referred to in Annex 15, and ensure at all times of the journey an interpersonal distance of at least one meter between the passengers transported; e) make sure that the crew and passengers use personal protective equipment and to indicate situations in which they may be temporarily and exceptionally removed; f) supply at the time of embarkation, passengers who do not have the means of personal protection with same. <p>2. In exceptional cases and, in any case, only in the presence of requirements for the protection of Italian citizens abroad and the fulfilment of international and European obligations, including those arising from the implementation of Council Directive (EU) 2015/637 of 20 April 2015, "On coordination and cooperation measures to facilitate consular protection of Union citizens not represented in third countries" and repealing Decision 95/553/EC, by decree of the Ministry for Infrastructure and Transport, adopted on a proposal from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and in agreement with the Ministry for Health, specific and temporary derogations from the provisions of this Article may be provided.</p> <p>Art.10</p> <p>Provisions on cruise ships and foreign flag ships</p> <p>1. Cruise services by Italian flag passenger ships may be carried out only in compliance with the specific guidelines set out in Annex 17 to this Decree, validated by the Technical and Scientific Committee referred to in art. 2 of Order No 630 of 3 February 2020 of the Head of the Department of Civil Protection.</p> <p>2. Cruise services may be used by those who are not subject to or obliged to comply with health surveillance and/or fiduciary isolation measures and who have not been during the fourteen days prior to embarkation in the States or territories listed in Lists D and</p>
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	<p>E of Annex 20. In case of residence or transit in states or territories listed in List C, the Article 8, paragraph 6 will be applied.</p> <p>3. For the purpose of authorizing the cruise to take place, before the departure of the vessel, the Master shall submit to the Maritime Authority a specific declaration where following points will be stated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the preparation of all the measures necessary to comply with the guidelines referred to in paragraph 1; b) the subsequent ports of call and the port at the end of the cruise, with the relevant arrival/departure dates; c) the nationality and origin of the passengers on board in compliance with the provisions referred to in the preceding subparagraph. <p>4. Without prejudice to paragraph 2, second period, foreign flag vessels employed in cruise services shall be allowed to enter Italian ports providing that the last ports of call are located in states or territories listed in Lists A, B and C of Annex 20 and all passengers on board have not stayed or transited in the fourteen days prior to entry into the Italian port in states or territories listed in Lists D and E of Annex 20, as well as after declaration of compliance on board the vessel, to the guidelines referred to in paragraph 1.</p> <p>The Master of the vessel shall submit to the Maritime Authority, at least twenty-four hours before the vessel's arrival, a specific declaration containing the particulars referred to in paragraph 3.</p> <p>5. Calls shall be permitted only in the States and territories listed in Lists A, B and C of Annex 20 and free excursions shall be prohibited, for which cruise services may not adopt specific measures to prevent infection.</p> <p>The provisions of the DPCM in question apply as from 16th January and will remain in force until 5th March 2021.</p> <p>It is evidenced that Article 10 of the DPCM in question no longer provides for the suspension of cruise services or, for foreign vessels, entry into ports for the purposes of inactive stay which, therefore, can be considered possible in compliance with the specific guidelines and directives issued by the DPCM itself.</p>
Japan	<p>The State of Emergency introduced on 26th February has now been lifted. Information on current health and travel restrictions can be found using the following links:</p> <p>Border Enforcement Measures: https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page4e_001053.html and http://www.moj.go.jp/isa/hisho06_00099.html</p> <p>Measures for controlling travel to and from Japan and visa application procedures: https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/cp/page22e_000925.html and: https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page22e_000921.html</p>
Jordan	See attached updated protocols for crew changes.
Lebanon	<p>Lebanon has opened nearly all sectors based on country wide improvement in fighting against the COVID19 epidemic.</p> <p>All ports are commercially active, operations running smoothly and applying relevant sanitary guidelines.</p> <p>Beirut-Rafik Hariri International Airport (BRHIA) is operating at 30% capacity and is expected to have gradual increase this summer onward.</p>

	<p>All passengers are required to hold a negative PCR test issued within 72 hours of the scheduled inbound flight.</p> <p>Crew change through Lebanon follow the following guidelines should be observed:</p> <p>SIGN OFF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCR samples are collected onboard, at anchorage or alongside. • Negative PCR holders are allowed to disembark/repatriate through airport. <p>SIGN ON</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must hold a PCR test with negative result from one of the certified laboratories by local authorities at point of departure, present test result upon check in. • Negative PCR test result validity must not exceed 96 hours between test result and date of arrival to Lebanon. • No negative PCR no boarding. • All passengers must complete the COVID-19 pass through the link https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/988ba32e1b634902ba3b14c3e4f1614d issued by the Ministry of Public Health. • Passengers shall undergo PCR test upon arrival at Beirut Rafic Hariri International Airport (BRHIA). • Passengers are mandatory required to complete airport tracking registration form through the following https://covid.pcm.gov.lb/impactmobile/curfe
Libya	<p>The following COVID-19 procedures are currently in place at Libyan ports:</p> <p>Zawia, Bouri, Mellitah, Farwah:</p> <p>Remote Pilotage is in force since the emergence of COVID-19, no port personnel or authorities board vessel, every procedure is performed remotely (Docs exchanged by E-mail) (Berthing ops by VHF). B/Ls are signed by the agent via LOA (Letter of Authorization) issued by the ship master for agents to sign B/L on his behalf. However, if master insists on pilot boarding the vessel, a health representative will board the vessel to check on the crew's COVID-19 symptoms when everything is clear, pilot will board vessel while wearing the COVID-19 protective gear.</p> <p>Misurata, Tripoli, Al-Khoms:</p> <p>Only Health Representative and Pilot Board the Vessel, First the doctor gets on board to check on crew's temperatures and COVID-19 symptoms if crew is all well then he gives the free pratique which means that pilot will board the vessel to perform berthing ops. Pilot disembarks vessel after hose connecting and commencing of discharge, pilot embarks vessel after discharging is completed to perform hose disconnecting and unberthing. Doc exchanging is performed remotely (by E-mail)</p> <p>Ras Lanuf, Essider, Zuietina, Marsa El Brega, Marsa El Hariga:</p> <p>Usual procedure, pilot, customs, agent boards the vessel and they remain on boards until vessel completes loading, hose disconnecting and unberthing. Then all the above mentioned disembark the vessel. All doc procedures are performed normally.</p> <p>Benghazi, Tobruk:</p> <p>Health Representative boards Vessel to check on crew's covid-19 symptoms when the crew is all well, doctor give the green light for Pilot to board vessel and performs</p>

	berthing ops. After vessel is berthed pilot disembarks the ship until discharging is completed, then he boards vessel for hose disconnecting and unmooring. All docs are exchanged via E-mail.
Mexico	<p>All the Mexican ports are opened to commercial operations both for import and export and applying recommended sanitary measures.</p> <p>International Health carries out the inspection at anchor in case the captain of the ship reports crew members with symptoms of COVID, they have to be kept isolated for 14 days inside their cabin; in case no crew members with symptoms are reported, the health authority performs the physical inspection once the ship is docked.</p> <p>Once International Health determines that there is no risk, port pilots are notified to carry out the docking of the ship and the rest of the authorities such as Immigration Authority, Customs, SAGARPA and SADER - SENASICA can upload the free pratique, maintaining sanitary measures in compliance with the regulations on International Health.</p> <p>Customs is working normally in customer service in international trade and providing attention to operations applying sanitary security measures.</p> <p>The crew changes are allowed in adherence to the guidelines and protocols stipulated by the international health authority.</p>
Netherlands	<p>With effect from 2nd August, vaccinations are being offered to any seafarers (irrespective of nationality or the flag of the vessel) arriving in the port of Rotterdam. 10,000 shots of the Janssen one-shot vaccine have been provided free of charge by the Dutch government, although a €45 fee applies to cover the cost of providing the service. Vaccination bookings should be made through the agent.</p> <p>Further information can found on the Dutch Shipowners Association website at: https://www.kvnr.nl/en/vaccination/start and a factsheet on the Rotterdam programme is attached.</p>
Panama	<p>As of June 7th, Curfew will be in effect from 2200 hours to 0400 hours everyday in Panama City. Business will close at 2100 hrs. As of June 26th, Full Lockdown in the City of Colon every Saturday from 2200 hours until Mondays 0400 hours until further notice.</p> <p>All incoming crewmembers arriving to Panama International airport (Tocumen International Airport/PTY) from UK, South Africa, India or any country of South America, will be subject to arrive with a negative PCR test 48 hours prior arrival Panama and once at the Panama Airport the Health officer will conduct another Covid test at crew own cost (\$80.00). The crewmember will be transported to an authorized Hotel/Hospital paid by the Panamanian Government to do quarantine for 3 days (hotel room is shared with others is not a private room). On the 3rd day at the Hotel/Hospital a second Covid test will be done to the crewmember at crew own cost (\$80.00) and if result is Negative the crewmember will be released and can join the vessel. The agent will be in charged to submit all pre- arrival documentation and forms to the Sanitary inspector and get the approval to join the vessel.</p> <p>Crewmembers coming from any of the countries not mentioned above can enter Panama with an Antigen or PCR test 48 hours prior arrival Panama (no quarantine). The agent will be responsible to obtain all pre-arrival documentation and submit to the Sanitary office to get the approval to join the vessel.</p>

	<p>Remember that all incoming crewmembers are required to arrive Panama with an approved Panamanian Seaman Visa obtained locally by the agent.</p> <p>Vessels arriving to transit the Panama Canal or docking are not required to arrive with a Covid test from last port. The Vessel is required to send as usual all the Pre-arrival, security and sanitary information 96 hours prior arrival. Crewmembers that are required to disembark in Panama to be repatriated will be required to do an Antigen test on board (the agent will arrange a nurse to go on board), once Antigen is negative the agent will submit Covid result plus other documents and forms to the local Sanitary inspector and wait the approval to disembark.</p> <p>The use of masks is mandatory in Panama.</p> <p>Above situation is always subject to changes depending on the Covid situation in the Republic of Panama. Last minute changes can always be expected from the local Ministry of Health. It is suggested to keep in close contact with your agent for latest updates.</p> <p>Please find below Panama Canal Advisories to Shipping related to Covid-19:-</p> <p>https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2020/ADV-13-2020.pdf</p> <p>https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2020/ADV-19-2020.pdf</p> <p>https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2021/ADV-13-2021.pdf</p>
Portugal	<p>The Portuguese Government decision has decided to reduce level of dangerous from State of Calamity to State of Contingency . On this basis and as per Ministry Council Resolution no. 9573-A/2021, please be informed of the present restrictions in force to enter/leaving Portugal (changes highlighted in yellow)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Flights within EU and within Schengen Space are authorized, being allowed all voyages, as well as from Brazil, United Kingdom and United States of America. 2. Passengers should only be allowed to board the plane with presentation of Passengers holding a valid EU Digital COVID Certificate of vaccination; or COVID Valid Certificate of vaccination or recovery issued by third countries recognized and accepted as per reciprocity conditions; or by presenting PCR test for SARS-CoV-2 infection with negative result and performed within 72 hrs prior boarding plane; or showing Quick Antigen tests for SARS-CoV-2 infection (approved by UE Health committee) with negative result and performed within 48 hrs prior boarding flight. <p>Repatriation - Passengers leaving Portugal by airplane flights are not required by Portuguese Governmental dispatch to have PCR test prior embarking on the plane. However, passengers should follow airplane company and Countries of destination recommendation. Therefore, it is recommended that all passengers to take a PCR test prior leaving country if not holding a valid EU COVID Certificate of vaccination.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Passengers with strictly necessary voyages with period of stay in Portuguese territory below 48 hrs, proofed by returning ticket issued, are exempt of the prophylactic confinement, 4. Authorized flights to Portugal with passengers coming from, or originated from, countries with outbreak rate over 500 cases per 100 000 citizens over the last 14 days (as per information given by European Centre for Disease Control, allowed only for strictly essential voyages and must board the plane after presenting the negative result of PCR test⁽¹⁾ performed within 72 hrs prior boarding plane. Passengers will be placed under prophylactic confinement for 10 days in a place indicated by health authorities.

	<p>5. Passengers holding a valid EU Digital COVID Certificate of vaccination or recovery, or COVID Valid Certificate of vaccination or recovery issued by third countries recognized and accepted as per reciprocity conditions⁽²⁾ are exempt of quarantine and therefore dismissed of prophylactic confinement</p> <p>6. All passengers arriving from countries, in which epidemiological situation is complying with EU Recommendation no. 2020/912 of European Council and respective updates (listed below) are allowed voyages to Portugal and must board the plane after presenting the negative result of PCR test⁽¹⁾ performed within 72 hrs prior boarding plane or holding a valid EU Digital COVID Certificate of vaccination; or COVID Valid Certificate of vaccination or recovery issued by third countries recognized and accepted as per reciprocity conditions⁽²⁾. Presently, list of these countries are:</p> <p>Australia, Canada, China, Chile, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, New Zealand, Qatar, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Ukraine and Uruguay + Hong Kong and Macau.</p> <p>7. Foreign citizens arriving to Portugal without showing the PCR test⁽¹⁾ performed, or holding a valid EU Digital COVID Certificate of vaccination; or COVID Valid Certificate of vaccination or recovery issued by third countries recognized and accepted as per reciprocity conditions⁽²⁾, should have their entry in Portugal denied</p> <p>Cruises</p> <p>The Portuguese Government decided to continue with measurements restrictions for cruise vessels sector, enounced on Resolution no. 9573-B/2021, stating following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To allow embarkation, debarkation and licenses to go ashore for passengers and crew members of cruise ships in all Portuguese ports, with exceptions for passengers with origin and destination, from and to, countries which only allows strictly necessary/essential voyages. • The authorization for embarkation, debarkation and licenses to go ashore - referred above - will be exclusively allowed - with presentation of Passengers holding a valid EU Digital COVID Certificate of vaccination or recovery ; or COVID Valid Certificate of vaccination or recovery issued by third countries recognized and accepted as per reciprocity conditions⁽²⁾; or by presenting PCR test⁽¹⁾ for SARS-CoV-2 infection with negative result and performed within 72 hrs prior leaving, embarking or disembarking the cruise ship; or showing Quick Antigen tests for SARS-CoV-2 infection (approved by EU Health committee) with negative result and performed within 48 hrs prior ship's arrival, embarking or disembarking the cruise ship. • Only Quick Antigen tests approved by the EU Health committee will be accepted and must lab report must indicate the set of normalized data agreed by the EU Health committee. • Vaccination certificate, PCR test or Antigen test presentation are not applicable to Children under 12 years of age. • Shore excursions in "bubble regime" no longer in force. Private tours allowed. <p>¹ or Quick Antigen tests for SARS-CoV-2 infection (approved by UE Health committee) with negative result and performed within 48 hrs prior leaving, embarking or disembarking the cruise ship.</p> <p>² Compulsory Data required to be included on the Vaccinations Certificates and Recovery Certificates to allow recognition</p>
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	<p>a. Vaccination Certificates, must include at least following information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Names and Surnames of the holder ii. Birth date iii. Disease or target agent: COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2 or one of its variants) iv. Vaccine against COVID-19 or prophylactic v. Name of Vaccine against COVID-19 vi. Marketing authorization holder or COVID-19 vaccine's manufacturer vii. Number of doses series, as well as total number of series doses viii. Vaccination date, mentioning date of last dose administered ix. Member-state or third country where vaccine were administered x. Issuing Entity of the certificate <p>b. Recovery's Certificates, must include at least following information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Names and Surnames of the holder ii. Birth date iii. Disease or agent from which holder recovered: COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2 or one of its variants) iv. Date of 1st positive diagnostic test result v. Member-state or third country where diagnostic test were performed vi. Issuing Entity of the certificate vii. Date when Certificate commence its validity <p>3. Vaccines against COVID-19 accepted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Janssen: COVID-19 Vaccine Janssen b. AstraZeneca: Vaxzevria (formerly COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca) c. Moderna: Spikevax (formerly COVID-19 Vaccine Moderna) d. Pfizer-BioNTech: Cominaty
Russia	<p>The restrictions on crew change in the Russian Federation have been reviewed and amended by the health authority so that crew changes are possible for seafarers who are non-residents of RF.</p> <p>The current rules for on-signers and off-signers are as follows:</p> <p>On-signer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. medical certificate with negative result of COVID-19 to be presented on arrival/ border check-in. The certificate should read that the test was done by PCR method and not earlier than 3 days before arrival. b. If no certificate on arrival, then the test must be done (PCR method) with help of agent within 3 days after arrival. c. Unavailability of med. certificate at the country of departure might result in rejection for boarding. It is a decision of the airline company and to be clarified while booking the tickets. <p>Off-signer:</p> <p>Test by PCR method has to be done and its negative results to be presented to Health Control to get approval for going to airport for boarding.</p> <p>Shore leave remains prohibited</p>
South Africa	<p>1. Shipping is continuing in all ports except that it is now mandatory that all arriving vessels undergo an Antigen /Rapid test before being allowed entry into the port. Should</p>

	<p>anyone be found to be positive the vessel will be quarantined and remain at the anchorage for the ten day quarantine period before retesting. The port was insisting on the PCR test that took approximately 48 hours to produce the result but were convinced to amend the instruction to the Antigen type test that provides a result after plus-minus 30 minutes.</p> <p>2. All port workers, visitors to the port undergo screening before entering the ports. Should anyone prove positive they will be sent away to undergo the necessary quarantine period.</p> <p>3. Shore leave is still prohibited.</p> <p>4. OPL – (Off Port Limit) operations are continuing with the same testing in place.</p> <p>5. False reporting by masters in respect of COVID positive crew or other illnesses will be viewed in a serious light.</p> <p>6. Should a vessel enter port, commence operations and then discover that a crew member is COVID positive the operation will cease, and the vessel quarantined for a period of ten days.</p>
Slovenia	<p>The Slovenian government once again declared a national epidemic on 18.10.2020. General population movement was restricted. Crew arriving in port of Koper must stay on board all the time. There are few exceptions authorities will permit exiting the port.</p> <p>Crew change is possible with some restrictions mentioned below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The crew member must be EU national or have a Valid Schengen visa - The Owners/Carrier must find a suitable flight or other method of transport which enables direct transfer from/to vessel to airport, bus or train station. Hotels and other accommodation cannot be used. The crew member must have all necessary paperwork or contract on which is stated his or her employment status for the vessel owner/operator. - Ljubljana airport is open with a great reduction of air traffic and connections. - There are no restrictions for vessels to enter and exit port of Koper. - All incoming vessels must declare all crew changes done in last 2 months and provide a correctly filled Medical Declaration of Health prior to arrival. - If any infection noticed on board prior to vessel arrival person in charge must notify agent and below procedures must be taken: <p>Agent must notify all authorities of potential risk of COVID-19 infected seaman in the national single window.</p> <p>Authorities will order the ship to stop on anchorage before granting port entry. Medical team is ordered to board the ship to take swabs for testing.</p> <p>All next decisions for crew and vessel movements are responsibility of medical officials at the NIJZ (National Institute of Public Health).</p> <p>If this is an isolated case of one crew member who is not at risk of spreading the virus, the responsible medical practitioner will order that the crew member should be isolated during the vessel's stay in Slovenia. If the crew member is in critical condition, they will be transported to University Medical center in Ljubljana at the infectious disease clinic.</p>

Spain	Cruise operations will commence from Spanish ports on 7 th June in accordance with new measures issued by the Spanish Ministry of Health, a copy of which are being circulated separately.
Sweden	All Swedish ports remain operational and shipping agents are working 24/7, applying recommended sanitary measures. Visits to ships from shore-based personnel are limited to those absolutely necessary to avoid bringing COVID-19 on board. Seafarers domiciled outside Sweden are exempt from the need to provide a negative COVID test when entering the country.

MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. NATIONAL DECREE 678/2021: GENERAL PREVENTIVE MEASURES. ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION 951/2021: BORDERS' OPENING

We communicate our Members that, within the framework of the COVID-19 Pandemic management, the National Executive Power and the Chief of Cabinet of Ministers have passed the following rules that have been published on October 1st, in the Official Bulletin, namely:

DECNU-2021-678-APN-PTE –National Decree from Executive Power:

It establishes the Legal Framework in force as from October 1st and until December 31st, 2021, inclusive. Through this, the following measures are established:

- Preventive measures: A minimum distance of two meters among people must be kept, masks shall remain mandatory in closed shared spaces, but may not be used in outdoor spaces as long as there shall be social distance. The activities' protocols and advices and instructions issued by the corresponding health authorities that shall consider all the emerging provisions of the national health authority shall be strictly fulfilled. Any person considered a confirmed, suspicious or close contact of COVID-19 shall not be able to move around. They shall fulfill isolation according to Decree 260/20.-
- Work presence: Only those people suffering from immunodeficient diseases or are oncology or transplant patients, shall be exempted from the duty of attendance to the place of work for a specified period that may not exceed 30 days, extendable if the causes subsist. In such cases, they shall receive a non-remunerative income equivalent to their usual salary and the employer must continue to make the corresponding contributions.
- Borders' opening: Although the extension of Decree 274/20 is determined until October 31st inclusive, nationals or residents of neighboring countries shall be exempted from the prohibition of entering the country, provided that they shall comply with the health and immigration indications, advices and requirements for entering and staying in the country, established or to be established in the future. The National Immigration Agency shall enable international entry crossings to national territory through safe corridors in accordance with Decree 260/20.

As of November 1st inclusive, the entry into national territory of non-resident foreigners of other countries shall be restored, provided that they meet the current immigration and health requirements or that shall be established in the future, which shall be carried out through safe corridors except for:

- people who shall be affected by the transfer of goods by international trade operations of cargo transport, by air, land, sea, river and lake means;
- carriers and crew of vessels and aircrafts;
- people affected by the operation of flights and health transfers.

DECAD-2021-951-APN-JGM - Chief of Cabinet of Ministers:

As of October 1st, it establishes the following measures:

Borders' opening: The National Civil Aviation Administration may order the suspension of permits related to passenger air transport operations on direct flights to the Argentine Republic, considering their country of origin or destination in the case of new strains and prior evaluation by the national health authority regarding the epidemiological situation. Likewise, it shall

provide quotas on passenger flights for the entry into national territory of Argentines, residents of the Argentine Republic, nationals or residents of neighboring countries or those foreigners who shall have been exceptionally authorized by the National Immigration Agency. These quotas shall increase until 14 days after the date on which our country shall reach a coverage of 50% of the population with a complete vaccination schedule where, as announced by the Ministry of Health, no quota shall be applied.

Transport operators must notify passengers traveling to the country about the obligation to complete the traveler's sworn health statement, with the required health and vaccination data according to the schedule approved herein, for their entry into the respective approved safe corridors.

Requirements for entering the country: The entry into the country within the authorized safe corridors shall be enabled to nationals or residents of neighboring countries who shall comply with the current immigration requirements and the set of health requirements listed below:

- Complete vaccination schedule at least 14 days before the entry. Those non-resident foreigners who have not completed the vaccination schedule may enter the national territory - as long as it is not due to tourism reasons-, with prior authorization from the National Immigration Agency, having to carry out the quarantine provided for in Decree 260/20 and a PCR on the seventh day of arrival.
- In addition to the negative PCR test at origin within 72 hours prior to the entry, an antigen test must be performed upon arrival in the territory and another PCR between the fifth and seventh day.
- After 14 days from the date on which our country shall reach a coverage of 50% of the population with a complete vaccination schedule, those who enter the territory with the vaccination shall be exempted from performing the antigen test.
- Those who are vaccinated and whose tests are negative shall be exempted from quarantine, having to carry out the PCR test between the fifth and seventh day from their arrival as long as they shall remain in national territory. Likewise, those who shall test positive must remain isolated in the provincial facilities for a period of 10 days or the one established in the corresponding protocol.
- In the case of minors who have not completed the vaccination schedule, but are accompanied by adults who have, they may enter the national territory having to carry out the quarantine and the PCR on the seventh day of their arrival.

In this sense, the entry into the country of foreigners, as of November 1st, shall be subject to compliance with current immigration requirements and the set of health requirements detailed above with the exception that they shall not perform the antigen test upon entering the territory.

Those Argentines, residents in the Argentine Republic and foreigners authorized by the National Immigration Agency to enter the national territory shall be exempted from carrying out the scheduled quarantine provided that they comply with the previously detailed requirements.

Finally, as a result of the efforts made by Centro de Navegación in cooperation with the National Immigration Agency and the Ministry of Health, it was allowed as of October 20th inclusive, the carrying out in Argentine territory of crew change of international vessels.

ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION 834/2021. ACTIVITY RESUMPTION OF BIOCEANIC AND ANTARCTIC CRUISE VESSELS.

We inform our Members that, the Chief of the Cabinet of Ministers, by DECAD-2021-834-APN-JGM ordered as of October 20th, 2021 inclusive, the resumption of the activity of bioceanic and Antarctic cruise vessels progressively and safely in accordance with the sanitary measures in force at the time of its implementation.

In this sense, such activity is subject to the fulfillment of the "Requirements for the reopening of Cruise Vessels to Antarctica and Bioceanic Cruise Vessels in Argentina", established by the national health authority through IF-2021-76982437-APN-DNHFYSF#MS that is attached to the regulation as an Appendix.

Consequently, the competent authority shall pass the operations schedules established by the port authorities of the different jurisdictions.

Find enclosed the aforementioned regulation and appendix.

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Report

Number:

Reference: Technical Report Requirements Proposal for the resumption of Cruise Vessels to Antarctica and Bioceanic Cruise Vessels in Argentina

In agreement with the Ministry of Tourism and Sports, the contributions of the National Directorate of Epidemiology and Information Systems within their respective powers, from this National Directorate it is fulfilled the technical report, which contains the collaborative result of these instances, with the proposal of the Requirements for the resumption of Cruise Vessels to Antarctica and Bioceanic Cruise Vessels in Argentina.

It is stated that these requirements respond to the current national and international epidemiological situation and the evidence collected on the resumption of cruise vessels' activity in other countries, and that they can be updated in the light of new evidence, international experience, as well as from any another additional scientific consideration on COVID-19.

Therefore, it is stated below the **Requirements for the resumption of Cruise Vessels to Antarctica and Bioceanic Cruise Vessels in Argentina:**

Scope

The guidelines established in this document shall be implemented in Cruise Vessels to Antarctica and Bioceanic Cruise Vessels which route shall include the national territory, subject to the epidemiological situation of the destination and the measures in force in each jurisdiction.

These requirements shall be updated in light of new evidence, international experience, as well as any other additional scientific consideration on COVID-19.

Guide description

The document is issued as requirements for the development of cruise vessels' activity in Argentina and for the borrowing companies to develop their protocols.

Purposes

- To respond to the needs of the sector affected by the measures that restrict its activity.

- To implement measures to guarantee and safeguard the health and well-being of workers and tourists.
- To control, mitigate and prevent the spread of the virus.
- To accompany the social measures that the authorities shall advise or establish, to mitigate the impact of the pandemic in the sector.
- To guarantee the continuity of tourist activity.

Target audience

This COVID-19 document for Cruise Vessels is intended for those professionals and organizations that provide services of Cruise Vessels to Antarctica and Bioceanic Cruise Vessels within the national territory, to be applied separately or jointly with other Protocols developed within the framework of COVID- 19. The COVID-19 protocols of the Ministry of Tourism and Sports, and/or guides that can be applied to the tourist sector:

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/turismoydeportes/protocolos-covid-turismo-deportes>

Introduction

The guidelines contained in this document respect the recommendations established by the National Ministry of Health and the World Health Organization and offer several preventive measures and actions to deal with the management of the SARS-CoV-2 virus within a vessel and in international port terminals. Its main purpose is to protect the health and well-being of people.

Based on current regulations and epidemiological situation, as well as the progress of vaccination, this document establishes the **requirements for cruise vessels in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic**, in order to achieve the resumption of the activity in a controlled context, with the intention that it shall be sustained over time. It is expected a phased and progressive start linked to the response capacity of the local authority, considering the evidence arose from recent international reopening, even under simulation mode.

This document refers to a monitoring of the epidemiological situation worldwide in cruise vessels destinations, as reported by Health Organizations, places of origin of incoming guests and crew, the situation with respect to borders, restrictions and travel advice, as well as public health and safety measures in the ports of destination.

1. Planning

Cruise vessels companies shall comply with all health regulations applicable to vessels that correspond to the International Health Regulations (2005), the national health border regulations and/or the Crisis Prevention Committee COVID 19 in River, Maritime and Lake transport applicable to vessels and international port facilities and terminals, as well as all other regulations in force.

Among other documents, it shall be complied the Sworn Health Statement of the Traveler, Maritime Declaration of Health, the Ship Sanitation Control Certificate or Ship Sanitation Control Exemption Certificate, the presentation of the medical records and so on.

1.1 Planning

For the implementation of this guide, it shall be considered the schedule of operations proposed by the companies of

Antarctic and Bioceanic Cruise Vessels, in relation with the approval of port authorities, and the request of Governors for the opening of those ports to said tourist activity, compromising the response of their health system to the eventual contingency of the declaration of quarantine in one or more vessels simultaneously in its jurisdiction. For such purposes, the maximum capacity of passengers to be isolated and/or hospitalized at a given time must be indicated, to establish the schedule of maximum authorized entry quotas in ports and therefore of cruise vessels authorized to operate.

1.1.1 Maximum quota.

The cruise vessels company shall foresee the maximum number of people allowed on board taking into account the cargo capacity of the vessel, respecting the capacity that shall be defined in the company's protocol and validated by the health authority, as well as providing that it shall be guaranteed at all times the 2 meters of social distance between people.

1.1.2 Plan flexibilities for rescheduling

The cruise vessels company shall plan flexibility to change the date and reschedule operations, depending on the epidemiological situation at departure and destination.

2. Prevention measures when arriving at destination

2.1.1 Disinfection of surfaces in vessels and terminals

The cruise vessels company shall guarantee the disinfection of surfaces according to the following criteria:

- The current regulations on cleaning and disinfection by category and activity must be respected at all times.
- Daily disinfection of surfaces. The frequency of disinfection must be appropriate to the traffic and accumulation of people, the time of year and complemented with the ventilation of rooms.
- Clean the surfaces with water and detergent before disinfection.
- Provide the necessary elements to carry out wet cleaning (bucket, mop, cloth, water, detergent) and disinfection (container, mop or cloth, sodium hypochlorite water for domestic use with a concentration of 55 gr/liter in dilution to reach 500 to 1000 ppm of chlorine -100 ml of bleach in 10 liters of water).
- Bleach solutions must be used within 24 hours of preparation to ensure effectiveness.
- Spraying or rubbing clothing, shoes, bags, purses, or other belongings with alcohol, bleach, or other disinfectant solutions is not recommended.
- The use of "disinfectant cabinets" or other types of devices that shall involve spraying disinfectant solutions on people is not recommended. Not only do these types of interventions have no proven usefulness in preventing the transmission of respiratory viruses, but their use can be associated with potential harmful effects. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/salud/coronavirus/poblacion/limpieza-domiciliaria>
- The personnel of the company that shall carry out this activity must have the appropriate PPE

2.1.2. Vessel's ventilation in enclosed spaces

Ventilation on board shall be designed so that there shall always be 100% exchange of fresh air at all times in all areas with people capacity, under very strict controls. For spaces in which recirculation shall not be avoided

(LBS common spaces and PEX stairs), it shall be applied the Sanitizing Treatment Gel in pipes (at the HVAC inlet) to sterilize the air and daily change of filters.

The following measures are recommended to comply with appropriate ventilation:

- Filtering of incoming air. All incoming air shall be double filtered using MERV8 rated filters to remove salt and other particles. Secondary filtration using HEPA rated filters to remove bacteria and microparticles (high-efficiency particle filter)
- Humidity shall be strictly controlled and can be adjusted according to requirements. Humidity can be individually adjusted for each air treatment unit.
- Separation of Areas. There is no air mixing between areas, which means that a clear boundary is kept between systems and spaces.
- Continuous air replacement. Fresh air continually comes in from the outside, essentially replacing the existing air with a fresh and new supply. The fresh air intake is 50 m³ / h per person inside passenger cabins and public spaces.
- Frequent replacement of air filters.
- UV-C light installed in Air Treatment Units.

2.1.3 Personal protective equipment

The cruise vessels company shall define the Personal Protection Elements on board. The only PPE that must be compulsory requested, both to guests and crew members, is a mask to be worn in common spaces, and especially in closed spaces.

It is not a requirement to request the face mask, since it does not replace the use of the mask.

2.1.4 On board diagnostic capacity

The company shall clearly define the diagnostic capacity on board, in order to comply with the tests requested in this document.

2.1.5 Medical service on board

The cruise vessels company must have medical service on board, related to the number of people traveling on it, in accordance with international requirements. It must be made up of health professionals trained to monitor cases on board, respond according to the risk levels that may occur on the vessel, instructed by the company to use the medical equipment on board and proceed according to the protocol defined by it.

2.2 Preventive measures for entering the country

The cruise vessels company shall guarantee compliance with the following measures for all people (crew and guests), in order to identify possible COVID-19 cases before the voyage:

- a) Questionnaire of the Health Passenger Statement and/or complementary and temperature control to everyone.
- b) PCR testing in a maximum of 72 hours before the trip. Those who come on the vessel shall not carry out the PCR, only the people who shall board the vessel in national territory should do so.

- c) Symptom records for all people on board the vessel.
 - d) Days of isolation before embarkation. All people who come from abroad and board in national territory must respect the sanitary measures in force at the time of the reactivation of the activity for foreign tourists.
 - e) Vaccination. Every person boarding the cruise vessel shall be requested 100% vaccination certificate (guests, staff, crew) with a complete schedule. Those people who are not vaccinated shall not be allowed on board. The complete schedule must have been fulfilled at least 21 days before embarkation (whether it shall be a one or two dose(s) vaccine). Accepted vaccines shall be all those approved by WHO, and/or approved in the country of origin and/or approved in Argentina, which must be confirmed with their respective official certificates.
- Considering that the approval of the application of vaccines for children under 12 years old is still pending, the national health authorities shall be able to analyze their acceptance in cruise vessels according to the results of the application of the protocols in the activity, the epidemiological situation of such moment and the approval of vaccines for this age group.
- f) All people must have insurance for COVID-19 and insurance for death, which includes isolation, transfer, hospitalization and, when appropriate, repatriation. Moreover, it must cover the isolation and transfer of a possible suspicious case due to close contact. In addition, it must be considered the possibility of covering the cancellation of the trip.

2.3 Communication of the preventive measures in force within national territory

The main health definitions provided in the Recommendations for the development of Protocols in the framework of the pandemic, of the National Ministry of Health dated June 11th, 2020 are detailed below. The complete document is available at: <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/transporte/puertos-vias-navegables-y-marina-mercante>

These measures shall be informed to all the people who shall be on board the cruise vessel, guaranteeing their fulfillment.

2.3.1 Visual recommendations

Place in easily visible places, information on social distance measures, adequate hand hygiene, proper respiratory hygiene, and recommendations in case of suspicious symptoms of COVID-19. This must also be complemented with other modalities (information on the website, social networks, by email or telephone, among others) to inform workers and passengers about the hygiene and safety measures adopted by the company.

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/salud/coronavirus/poblacion/prevencion>

2.3.2 Social distance

- a) A minimum distance of TWO (2) meters must be kept among people. This measure applies both to workers and to the public that shall attend the cruise vessel (clients, suppliers, and so on).
- b) The guidelines and distance measures are determined and updated according to health and epidemiological criteria,

subject to the phase and the higher regulations in force.

- c) Avoid physical contact when greeting with kisses, hugs, or handshakes.
- d) Respect the capacity and shifts defined for each space and/or authorized activity on board, which must be clearly pre-established and informed.
- e) Do not share mate, dishes or other utensils.
- f) The use of a “homemade mask or mask” does not replace social distance measures nor the need to keep interpersonal safety distance, but it can be considered as an additional measure when it shall be temporarily impossible to keep the minimum safety distance. The “homemade mask or mask” refers to reusable cloth devices that must completely cover the nose, mouth and chin and that are used as an additional measure to reduce the possibility of transmission of COVID-19. For more information on the "homemade mask or mask" go to the following site:

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/coronavirus/barbijo>

- g) Keep social distance. The density of occupation of spaces (meeting rooms, theaters, restaurant, kitchen, changing rooms, work positions, etc.) must be limited to 1 person every 2 square meters of circulating space, for which it can be used the space reservation mode or predetermined shifts. When, due to their characteristics, this shall not be possible, the use of these spaces should be prevented.

2.3.3 Hand hygiene

- a) All people carrying out tasks in authorized establishments must wash their hands frequently and compulsorily:
 - When arriving at the workplace and/or when starting a new activity.
 - Before and after handling garbage or waste.
 - Before and after eating, handling food and/or breastfeeding.
 - After touching public surfaces (counters, handrails, handles, railings, etc.).
 - After handling money, keys, animals, etc.
 - After using the bathroom or changing diapers.
 - After coughing, sneezing, or blowing the nose.
- b) It is advised to avoid, as far as possible, putting hands on the face.
- c) Each cruise vessel must have appropriate places to carry out proper and frequent hand washing with soap and water (liquid/foam soap dispenser, disposable towels or hand dryers) and also 70% alcohol-based solutions must be available (eg gel alcohol), especially in places such as restaurants, gyms, game rooms, etc.

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/coronavirus/atencion-publico>

d) It is the responsibility of the cruise vessels company to provide the appropriate items in sufficient quantity and in an accessible way for personal hygiene (hand washing with soap, hydroalcoholic solution and paper towels). Masks shall be included within the personal protection elements provided to the crew.

e) Remember that alcohol-based solutions should only be used when hands are clean, or when there shall be no access to wash hands with soap and water.

f) Frequent hand washing is advised during 40-60 seconds.
https://www.argentina.gob.ar/sites/default/files/gpsc_lavarse-manos_poster_es.jpg
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g) Given the great persistence of the virus on latex or nitrile, the use of gloves is not recommended except for specific tasks (cleaning tasks, direct contact with secretions).

2.3.4 Respiratory hygiene

The company must:

a) Request the use of a homemade mask covering nose, mouth and chin in spaces. Its use does not replace any of the physical distance or hygiene measures.

b) Promote washing the homemade mask with soap and water at least once a day, and changing it immediately if dirty or wet. In case of wearing disposable masks, change them according to the period advised by the manufacturer.

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/coronavirus/barbijo>

c) Promote the use of a disposable tissue when coughing or sneezing, or covering the nose and mouth with the inner crease of the elbow if the mask is not in place. In both cases, sanitize hands immediately.

d) Place wide-opening garbage cans without lid in waiting and/or high traffic areas to throw away used disposable tissues.

3. Embarkation

3.1 Preparation and measures at port

Ports shall comply with current regulations and protocols in relation to COVID-19, which are detailed in the following link:

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/transporte/puertos-vias-navegables-y-marina-mercante>

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/puertos-vias-navegables-y-marina-mercante/protocolo-prevencion-covid-19-en-el-transporte-fluvial>

Terminals must have:

a) Cleaning and disinfection protocols, passengers' information systems, and guarantee social distance.

- b) A sanitary area prior to boarding.
- c) New PCR test upon embarkation, between 24 and 48 hours before boarding. Those who come on the vessel shall not carry out the PCR, only the people who shall board the vessel in national territory should do so.
- d) Health and temperature controls.
- e) Compliance with sanitary measures and usual documentation.
- f) the contingency plan in the event of a case detected in port, including the appointment of the medical service that shall intervene in the port in the event of a suspicious case for its evaluation together with Health Border Control or the local health authority, depending on the case, shall arrange the referral and carry out notifications to the competent health authorities in each case.
- g) Procedure related to visitors on board and suppliers.

3.2 Arrival at the port

3.2.1 Crew transfers

Prevent the crew from making contact with non-embarked people and carrying out replacements. Therefore, a "bubble" mode is advised, avoiding all contact with people who shall not be on board.

It is recommended to divide the crew into "bubbles" mode for all transfer procedures, working hours, shared use of spaces, in order to reduce the risks of contagion during transfers and on board fulfilling their functions.

3.2.2 Tourists transfer

Cruise vessels companies must implement the transfers of tourists from entering the country to the port, when they shall not be nationals or residents, under the "safe corridor" mode to keep embarkation in bubble mode. Charter flights should be prioritized, especially on Antarctic cruise vessels.

Trips in shared group land transport with people who are not part of the bubble are discouraged for boarding on the initial trip.

3.2.3 Pre-boarding

The arrival at the port in bubbles of passengers must be managed with a margin of differentiated embarkation and disembarkation schedules, which must be informed prior to the reservation.

4. Measures on board

The cruise vessels company must:

- a) Comply with the preventive measures mentioned in item 2.3 in public places, reduction of total occupancy and limitation of guests per public area.
- b) Define capacity and conditions in places of common recreation, leisure activities with indication of number of people. Ensure cleaning and disinfection.

c) Have specific protocols for each service area (SPA, hairdresser, gym, food and beverages, swimming pool, premises, on-board entertainment, or others), aligned with the preventive measures outlined in item 2.3. They may develop or apply existing protocols for the aforementioned sector.

d) Have COVID-19 testing machines, a close contacts tracing system, and an on-board health system as previously defined. Carry out regular antigen tests to the personnel on board, and/or the passengers when stipulated. Moreover, preventive measures must be informed to people on board, mandatory and regular health tests and/or controls to everyone.

e) Provide personal protection elements on board. Only use of mask, the use of a face mask is not advised.

f) Have hygiene and disinfection protocols for all common and public areas of the cruise vessel, which must include a cleaning and disinfection procedure, in relation to differentiated levels, and with responsibilities and tasks by area and monitoring sheet.

g) Appoint a person responsible for the care and monitoring of the suspicious or positive case and its bubble and, therefore, for close contacts. Define within the cruise vessel the "competent" health personnel who can investigate the epidemiological situation, implement health control measures and who shall coordinate with the national health authority. This person must have a clearly defined procedure of action, complying with the communications that shall correspond to Health Border Control and the local health authority.

5. Isolation and quarantine plan for suspicious, positive and close contacts of COVID-19 cases

5.1 Definition of suspicious case

Anyone (of any age) with one or more of the following symptoms:

1. Fever (37,5 ° C or more).
2. Cough.
3. Odynophagia.
4. Breathing difficulty.
5. Headache.
6. Myalgia.
7. Diarrhea/vomiting*
8. Rhinitis/nasal congestion*
9. Sudden loss of taste or smell, in the absence of any other identified cause.

Without another etiology that shall fully explain the clinical presentation. This criterion includes any severe acute respiratory infection.

*Signs or symptoms separated by a slash (/) should be considered as one.

To ensure up-to-date information, always review the current case definition on the following website:

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/salud/coronavirus/definicion-de-caso>

Suspicious cases should be swabbed.

5.2 Definition of close contact

The definition of close contact for the general population is “Any person who has remained within a distance of less than 2 meters with a confirmed case while the case exhibited symptoms, or during the 48 hours prior to the onset of symptoms for at least 15 minutes. (eg partners, visitors, co-workers)”.

Close contacts should be identified, isolated, and symptoms monitored for a period of 14 days.

Exclusively on vessels in a cruise situation, close contacts may be considered all those who have shared in the 48 hours prior to the onset of symptoms, closed spaces, where preventive measures have not been implemented (use of mask, distance among people, proper ventilation, etc.) for prolonged periods.

The company must present the verification of the reliable traceability of passengers and crew and, if required by the health authority, expand with the sworn statement of those passengers and crew on the places and times when they shared spaces.

The company must carry out an antigen test, if it is positive, a PCR test shall be carried out. Moreover, if the close contact has symptoms, a PCR test shall be carried out directly.

5.3 Risk management and action plan

The cruise vessels company must define a contingency plan for a positive case on board that includes an action plan, submitted to Health Border Control for approval, which must consider the following items:

- a) Plan in advance the proposal to carry out a risk analysis and establish a clear parameter to analyze the epidemiological situation on board.
- b) Have a team of health professionals on board, duly trained to respond to any possible scene, describing their names and surnames, their experience in the matter and training.
- c) Prepared isolation areas. Each company must define the number of isolation cabins based on the number of places on the cruise vessel, and it is advised that it corresponds to 1% of the occupancy. It is suggested that the isolation cabins for confirmed COVID-19 cases shall have negative pressure and HEPA filters. This area can be divided into a “Red Area” for those cases with symptoms compatible with positive COVID-19, and another one called “Orange Area” for asymptomatic quarantined people; and protocols associated with each one. They should consider the number of close contacts that could arise in each confirmed suspicious case and propose referral alternatives, when they shall exceed the possibilities of occupation of the vessel, with a disembarkation contingency plan validated by local health authorities.
- d) Isolation cabins prepared for this purpose to house suspicious and positive cases of COVID-19, with their toilet and proper ventilation. Asymptomatic close contacts (although their tests have been negative) shall have to perform isolation in their cabins, until they can all disembark at the port that offers the facilities to continue with isolation in land (hotels prepared for this purpose or sanitary services, when required, with the agreement prior to the start of the trip from the local health authority). At the same time, testing for COVID-19 of all people on board should be carried out, and the boarding of people in intermediate destinations shall be avoided. Disembarkation must be in accordance with the recommendations of the national health authority, and what shall be proposed by the WHO.

- e) Procedure before a suspicious case. They should be immediately provided with an N95 mask, clinically evaluated to determine their health situation and isolated in the places set up for this purpose, proceeding without delay to trace their close contacts for their isolation as well. Immediate communication of the situation must be given to Health Border Control.
- f) They should consider the number of close contacts that could arise in each confirmed suspicious case and propose referral alternatives, when they shall exceed the possibilities of occupation of the vessel, with a disembarkation contingency plan validated by local health authorities.
- g) Contingency plan that details the action protocol in the event of a death on board, with the indication of the handling of the corpse, complying with the mortuary health requirements applicable to cases of death from COVID 19 when necessary, giving immediate intervention to Health Border Control.
- h) Proposal for the supply of the vessel in case of being declared in quarantine, as well as the health and safety measures to be adopted and clearly describe that this possibility exists for travelers, who must declare and accept this situation.

5.4 Port acceptance

The cruise vessel must manage the acceptance of the port by presenting its proposal and planning schedule ensuring that:

- a) It is duly committed and guaranteed.
- b) Have a defined location before the vessel's quarantine.
- c) Follow national and local regulations.
- d) Have a COVID-19 Emergency Assessment Team, comprised of primary rescuers from shore, who shall be appointed to receive advance information from various points of contact on board and ashore. Procedures with the Port Emergency Committee (COE).
- e) Have devices for disembarkation, transfer and isolation, in agreement with the local authority.

5.5. Definition of outbreak

It shall be considered outbreak after the detection of 5 independent transmission chains (regardless of the number of cases), that after the epidemiological research it has not been possible to establish the epidemiological link among the cases, showing that the time of the cases indicates that the 5 chains have been infected onboard.

5.6 Outbreak management

The cruise vessels company must:

- a) Inform local and national health authorities.
- b) Before the appearance of cases of COVID; an epidemiological research, detection of close contacts, and outbreak control should be immediately started. (test, isolation, and so on).

In case of an outbreak, a focused suspension of activities (those with a high risk of transmission) and a decrease in the circulation of people should be implemented. Creation of differentiated groups to perform activities.

Given the constant appearance of unrelated cases in which it shall not be possible to establish a chain of transmission, despite the measures implemented, activities must be immediately suspended and passengers isolated.

c) If the suspension of activities becomes necessary, the provision of supplies to the vessel in case of an outbreak must be foreseen and guaranteed, including the management and distribution of food for isolated cases and contacts. All activities must be suspended.

d) The results of the outbreak research carried out by the vessel's medical team and the relevant news should be reported to the local and national health authorities.

e) Have specific isolation places on board (difference in areas - see item 4.3 c). Determine a protocol associated with each one of them and how to proceed with people suffering psychiatric conditions. Guarantee the adequate cleaning and disinfection of the isolation places.

f) Days of isolation of positive case on board. People should be isolated 10 days from the beginning of symptoms or the result of the diagnostic test (in case of being asymptomatic).

g) Isolation of close contacts. If close contacts are identified, they should be isolated in places destined to such purpose and monitored for symptoms for a period of 14 days. Diagnostic test shall be performed on day 7 of contact. In case the trip lasts less time, and there shall be a device authorized by the local health authority for this purpose, isolation shall be fulfilled in land. This shall require prior agreement with national and local health authorities.

h) Perform a complete test of the entire vessel before the last day of isolation of the close contacts for all those who have not suffered COVID-19 on board. i) Establish a procedure to guarantee the safe handling of the deceased.

j) Carry out a safe management of hazardous waste.

k) Establish an action plan for the need to carry out emergency evacuations.

l) Define how they should proceed before a quarantine, the logistics and responsibilities assumed by the company.

ll) Have a procedure and management plan of waste and wastewater.

m) Provide adequate protection elements for personnel.

6. Land excursions

The cruise vessels company must:

a) Conduct antigen testing for shore excursions prior to disembarking and upon re-embarkation.

b) Ensure fulfillment of preventive measures during disembarking and embarking of people from the vessel (see items 3.2 and 2.3).

c) Define a procedure in case of a passenger with symptoms to re-embark, compatible with the provisions described above, including the traceability of close contacts.

7. Disembarkation

7.1 Final disembarkation of everyone

The cruise vessels company must:

- a) Ensure fulfillment of preventive measures during disembarking and embarking of people from the vessel, according to measures described in items 3.1 and 2.3).
- b) Conduct contacts tracing to identify and/or inform passengers of possible exposure or health risk associated with COVID-19 during and after their cruise.
- c) Guarantee PCR testing within 24 hours before disembarkation, measures when detecting cases and protocol activation and disembarkation of people who shall need care at medical centers.
- d) Provide reports to local health authority and national health authorities.
- e) Guarantee the disembarkation of people who shall need care in a medical center, following the recommendations of the national health authority for this purpose and according to the advice of local authorities.

7.2 Disembarkation of positive cases on the vessel

The cruise vessels company must:

- a) Keep prior agreements with the services involved in the referral, whether hospitals or private establishments.
- b) Act under COVID-19 insurance for positive cases and close contacts.
- c) Have a contingency plan in case of a possible evacuation, with the agreement of provincial and national health authorities.
- d) Manage the referral of the case, establish the place of referral and the means through which it shall be carried out in accordance with the referred person. Manage subsequent means of transport and related measures.
- e) Guarantee the transfer from the port to the medical center according to the indications provided by national health authority and local authorities for this purpose, with prior authorization from Health Border Control.
- f) Have a PCR test management plan upon disembarkation and detection of a positive case upon disembarkation.

8. Contingency plan on board

The company, its staff and crew must have:

- a) Training on COVID-19 for all staff, with definition of roles and responsibilities for responding to a suspicious or positive case of COVID-19.
- b) An Outbreak Response team to manage and coordinate the necessary actions and communications in relation to each possible outbreak caused by COVID-19. This team shall be in charge of managing the outbreak: identifying cases, close contacts, monitoring symptoms, evaluating the need for referral to hospital, taking and processing samples, informing local authorities of the existence of an outbreak, etc.

It has to be made up of an interdisciplinary team (captain, doctors, biochemists, people trained in outbreak management) and roles, functions and names must be defined. There must be a Disease Committee on board, with the presence of a doctor who shall operate as Infections Control Officer. This Committee shall make decisions based on a management plan divided into three levels of preparation on board (green, yellow and red), which shall depend on the epidemiological situation of the vessel and shall contemplate isolation areas prepared for this purpose (Red - isolation, Orange - quarantine type 1, yellow - quarantine type 2, and green - no risk). News on board shall be reported to Health Border Control and its recommendations must be considered.

c) Guidelines on how to proceed with suspicious or positive COVID-19 cases, and close contacts (initial actions, monitoring, communication, testing, contact tracing, responsibilities).

d) Creation of professional medical teams according to their medical resolution capacity, having experienced specialists in emergency medicine, internal medicine, surgeons, general practitioners and registered nurses, equipment to perform PCR tests; facilities for the management of breathing difficulty; COVID-19 specific pharmacy endowment. The captain and the medical director are defined as health referents. Records of their activity on board must be kept in the medical records and news on board must be informed to Health Border Control and the local health authority.

e) Special isolation areas in the absence of an outbreak. The patient with symptoms must be disembarked in a coastal hospital, after medical evaluation on board. People without symptoms who tested positive, as well as close contacts, should be transferred to an accommodation provided in agreement with the health authorities of the local jurisdiction to carry out the quarantine.

f) A repatriation procedure, when applicable and possible, if required by the passenger and his/her country of residence, offering safeguards to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Argentine territory, with prior authorization from Health Border Control.

9. Measures and initiatives of interest

The cruise vessels company may have the following measures and initiatives of interest:

a) Risk Assessment

b) Electronic or digital devices for contacts tracing.

c) Continuous Positive airway pressure (CPAP) masks.

d) General Air Medical Evacuation Procedures.

e) Air filtered by HEPA filters.

f) Air filtered by double filter system, MERV8 and HEPA.

g) Double duct ventilation system (DUOVENT).

h) Questionnaires after disembarkation.

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BIOCEANIC AND ANTARCTIC CRUISE VESSELS

Administrative Decision 834/2021

DECAD-2021-834-APN-JGM - Resumption of activities.

City of Buenos Aires, August 23rd, 2021

IN VIEW OF File No EX-2021-64852054-APN-DGDYD#JGM, Law No 27541, Decrees No. 260 on March 12th, 2020, 297 on March 19th, 2020, 167 on March 11th, 2021, 494 on August 6th, 2021, Administrative Decisions No. 2252 on December 24th, 2020 and 793 on August 6th, 2021 and Dispositions of the NATIONAL IMMIGRATION AGENCY No. 3911 on December 24th, 2020, 4019 on December 30th, 2020 and 233 on January 29th, 2021, its amendments and complements, and

CONSIDERING:

That by Decree No 260/20, the public health emergency established by Law No. 27541 was extended for a period of ONE (1) year, by virtue of the pandemic declared by the WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) in relation to COVID-19, being said decree extended until December 31st, 2021 by Decree No. 167/21, in the terms thereof.

That by Decree No. 297/20 a measure of "social, preventive and compulsory isolation" was established throughout the country.

That later through Decrees No. 235/21, and its amendment No. 241/21, and No. 287/21, extended by their similar Nos. 334/21, 381/21, 411/21 and 455/21, a series of general prevention measures and temporary, local and focused containment provisions were established in order to mitigate the spread of the virus SARS-CoV-2 and its health impact, until August 6th, 2021, inclusive.

That by Decree No. 494/21 new sanitary measures were established for the entire national territory, until October 1st, 2021, inclusive.

That by Article 7 of Decree No. 260/20, according to the modifications introduced by Decree No. 167/21, it was established that "...The following people must remain isolated for FOURTEEN (14) days,... or for the term that the enforcement authority shall determine in the future depending on the epidemiological evolution...: ... d) Those who shall arrive in the country from abroad, under the conditions established by the national health authority, except for the cases provided by the latter or by the immigration authority and those established herein, provided that they comply with the conditions and protocols that said authorities shall determine".

That, besides, by Decree No. 274/20 and its amendments and complements and its successive extensions, it was established the prohibition of entering into national territory to non-resident foreigners through PORTS, AIRPORTS, INTERNATIONAL CROSSINGS, BORDER CENTERS and any other access point, until October 1st, 2021, inclusive.

That, besides, by Article 30 of Decree No. 287/21, extended by similar ones No. 334/21, No. 381/21, N ° 411/21 and N ° 455/21 and by article 17 of Decree N ° 494/21 it is established that the NATIONAL IMMIGRATION AGENCY shall determine exceptions to the restrictions on entering the country in order to implement the provisions of the Chief of the Cabinet of Ministers in his capacity as Coordinator of the "General Coordination Unit of the

Comprehensive Plan for the Prevention of Public Health Events of International Importance", in order to develop activities that shall be authorized or for which Governors or the Head of Government of the City of Buenos Aires shall require authorization.

That, besides, at the appropriate time and as a consequence of the recommendations made by the national health authority, Administrative Decision No. 2252/20 was issued, extended and complemented through its similar No. 2/21, 44/21, 155/21, 219/21, 268/21, 342/21, 437/21, 512/21, 589/21, 643/21, 683/21 y 793/21, by which it was decided to adopt a series of measures related to the entry of people to national territory.

That, in due time, the national health authority deemed necessary the extension and expansion of the preventive measures adopted by Administrative Decision No. 2252/20 and its complementary regulations, in order to safeguard public health, at the same time that it promoted the feasibility of gradually allow flexibilities to the conditions imposed for entering the country, as long as controls on travelers shall continue, as regards the presentation of the PCR prior to entering the aircraft, test upon arrival in the country, isolation of those positive cases and quarantine compliance for TEN (10) days after the first test, and a last PCR test to end the quarantine; all this in order to continue delaying the community transmission of new variants, with the aim of completing the vaccination schedules mainly in people of FIFTY (50) years and over.

That, in such background, it was issued Administrative Decision No. 793/21, by which the quotas established for the re-entry of Argentinians and residents in the ARGENTINE REPUBLIC were expanded and mechanisms were determined for the qualification of new safe corridors at the request of the authorities of each jurisdiction, through which it was foreseen the authorization of border tourism pilot experiences with some countries.

That the MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND SPORTS has requested measures for the resumption of activities of bioceanic and Antarctic cruise vessels, which is of great importance for the economic reactivation of the tourist sector.

That, on this matter, the national health authority has agreed, considering it appropriate the issuance of this administrative decision in order to establish the necessary conditions so that the activity which reactivation is promoted shall be developed with the corresponding care and prevention, as well as through the application of health guides, advices and protocols that shall tend to ensure the preservation of the health of passengers and the Argentine people.

That, in that order, the ARGENTINE REPUBLIC has been following the recommendations of the WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) to implement risk-based approaches for international travel in the context of COVID-19 with a preventive approach, based on the presence of scientific uncertainties such as the appearance of variants of interest (VOI) or variants of concern (VOC) and in the response capacity of the public health system to detect and attend to cases and their contacts in the destination country, even among vulnerable travelers.

That by Article 10 of Decree No. 260/20 and its amending and complementary regulations, duly extended by Decree No. 167/21, it is established that the Chief of the Cabinet of Ministers shall coordinate with the different jurisdictions and bodies of the National Public Sector the implementation of the actions and policies for the adequate fulfillment of the recommendations made by the national health authority, in the context of the emergency and the epidemiological situation.

That the corresponding legal service has intervened as competent body.

That this measure is announced in accordance with the powers given by article 100 subsections 1 and 2 from the

NATIONAL CONSTITUTION, and by Decree No 260/20 and its modifications.

Therefore,

THE CHIEF OF THE CABINET OF

MINISTERS DECIDES:

ARTICLE 1.- To establish as of October 20th, 2021 the resumption of activities of bioceanic and Antarctic cruise vessels, progressively and safely within the framework of this administrative decision, the sanitary measures in force at the time of its implementation and subject to the recommendations that shall be determined by the national health authority.

ARTICLE 2.- The activity mentioned in article 1 hereof is authorized in accordance with the "Requirements for the resumption of Cruise Vessels to Antarctica and Bioceanic Cruise Vessels in Argentina", established by the national health authority through IF-2021 -76982437-APN-DNHFYSF#MS, which as an Appendix integrates this decision and the sanitary measures in force at the time of its implementation.

The companies that provide the services related to the activity mentioned in article 1 shall guarantee that it is carried out in accordance with such requirements, and in authorized ports, as established in article 4 of this administrative decision.

ARTICLE 3.- In the development of this activity, national, resident and foreign passengers and the affected personnel must observe the conditions that are established and shall be in force in relation to the entry of people to the ARGENTINE REPUBLIC at the time of its implementation.

ARTICLE 4.- The provincial government and/or the national competent authority, accordingly, shall pass the operations schedules established by the port authorities of their respective jurisdictions, in accordance with their sanitary response capacity and compliance with national sanitary guidelines, including a local contingency plan, prior intervention of the MINISTRY OF HEALTH and the MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND SPORTS, both NATIONAL.

ARTICLE 5.- This be communicated, published, passed on to the OFFICIAL NATIONAL REGISTRY and filed.

Santiago Andrés Cafiero - E/E Juan Zabaleta - Matías Lammens

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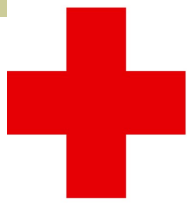
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