

22 June 2021

Guideline on Crew-change (COVID19)

Sign-On and Sign-Off (Crew Change) from vessel shall only allow under the following criteria in-line with COVID19 prevention guidelines. All crew/pax and their agents, accommodation provider is required to follow and strictly comply with this guideline effective 23rd June 2021. This Guideline is applicable for crew-change process at times of effective COVID19 Public Health measures which are aimed at travellers arriving from specific countries/regions.

1. Crew Change Request:

Agent must request to Port Health for Pre-Approval. Shall submit SIGN-ON and SIGN-OFF DECLARATION (SOD FORM) and required documents for Approval.

- I. IBH-021_COVID-19 SIGN-ON and SIGN-OFF DECLARATION (V-5).
- II. Sign-ON & Sign-OFF Crew-Passenger Details (Excel Sheet).
- III. All crew change requests for Pre-Approvals shall be requested via email address to porthealth_maleseaport@health.gov.mv and copied to seaport@immigration.gov.mv aimort@immigration.gov.mv. Pre-approval will be given by International Border Health within 12 hours application/request.

2. Sign-On Crew!Pax:

- I. Shall submit PCR Negative Result of a test taken within 96 hours of travel to Maldives for pre-approval.
- II. Crew/Pax allowed to travel direct from Airport to Vessel.
- III. Crew/Pax are allowed to transit in Ministry of Tourism approved Transit Hotel if required (Not more than 7 days).
- IV. Crew/Pax arriving from South Asian countries must submit their Travel History for last 14 days.
- V. Shall submit Crew/Pax individual Health Declaration Form.

3. Sign-Off Crew!Pax:

- I. Shall submit PCR Negative Result of a test taken within 72 hours of travel to Maldives for pre-approval Crew/Pax allowed to travel direct from Vessel to Airport.
- II. Crew/Pax are allowed to transit in Ministry of Tourism approved transit hotel when necessary given that transit period is not more than 7 days.
- III. If Crew/Pax transit period is more than 10 days, Crew/Pax must complete 14 days' quarantine in Maldives.
- IV. Crew/Pax arriving from South Asian countries must submit their Travel History for last 14 days.
- V. Vessel arriving from South Asian countries shall submit captain/master statement for No Movement Confirmation (last 14 days).

4. Transportation:

- I. Crew/Pax shall travel to and from vessel with pre-approved transportation.
- II. Crew/Pax shall embark and disembark only through 'Maldives Customs Baggage'.



5. Measures:

- I. The Crew/Pax shall exercise standard precautionary measures to prevent the possible spread of the disease.
- II. The Crew/Pax shall follow every instruction by International Border Health and Health Protection Agency, following any change to the situation in the Maldives.
- III. The local agent of the vessel is responsible for facilitating the compliance to all instructions and measures by the competent authorities including transit accommodation measures.
- IV. Crew shall be provided with a separate quarantine document through Haalubelun portal.
- V. If transiting crew and their agents are found to be deviating from the guidelines, further applications for crew change may be revoked, denied or shall impose corresponding penalty(s) accordingly.