



BANGLADESH

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## Coronavirus, COVID-19

*The following information was received from our correspondent JF on 31 May:*

### QUOTE

Port: Chittagong.

Port : Mongla.

Country: Bangladesh.

We write to update that:

### CREW CHANGE

Bangladesh Immigration authority has notified that crew change will be permitted as under:

#### *a) OFF SIGNERS*

1. 14 days quarantine is done on board inclusive voyage time from last port of departure.
2. Master issues letter addressed to Immigration authority confirming that crew are Coronavirus free.
3. Chittagong Port Health officer's Certificate stating that the crew is Coronavirus free is submitted to Immigration authority.
4. Disembarked crew can be accommodated in the Hotel but moving around is not permitted.
5. Upon submission of air tickets crew will be allowed 72 hrs exit visa and they must leave within the said 72 hrs Visa period.
6. In case crew are required to travel by road from Chittagong to Dhaka for international flight connection ex Dhaka, then special permission will have to be obtained from the Immigration authority for road travel and the crew has to carry same with them.
7. Crew to be seated in the Bus maintaining social distancing and have to follow the relevant health Guidelines, use of Mask, Hand Sanitiser etc.

#### *b) JOINERS*

1. Visa on arrival will be granted provided that a) Health certificate in English issued by the health authority of the seafarers nationality confirming that the seafarer is Coronavirus free is carried and presented to the airport immigration, b) Seafarers carry contract of employment, c) Seamen Book of the seafarers nationality, d) Letter of introduction from the vessel's agents with flight details.

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2. Visa on arrival for seafarers is granted for 3 days without any fees and the seafarers must join the vessel within the said 3 day period.
  3. Where necessary, joining crew is permitted to stay in hotel but moving around is not permitted.
  4. All joining Crew must follow health Guidelines, must use Masks, hand sanitizer and maintain social distancing.
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*Further update received on 23 June:*

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#### **CREW CHANGE & FLIGHT OPTIONS**

International Flight operations to and from Bangladesh commenced on 16.06.2020.

Qatar Airways operates a daily flight Doha/Dhaka/Doha and Biman, Bangladesh Airline operates a weekly flight Dhaka/London/Dhaka from 16.06.2020.

Emirates have started operating daily flight Dubai/Dhaka/Dubai from 22.06.2020.

Bangladesh Immigration authority has been issuing visa **on arrival to the seafarers only and not to any visitor.**

Joining, disembarkation, and repatriation of the seafarers are being allowed by Bangladesh Immigration authority subject to meeting the health guidelines.

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*Further update received on 7 July:*

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Please note that International Commercial Passenger Flights to and from Bahrain, Bhutan, Hong Kong, India, Kuwait, Malaysia, Maldives, Nepal, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Thailand shall not be allowed to be landed at any Airport in Bangladesh until further notice.

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