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COVID-19 & Immigration Control

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SEAFARERS IMMIGRATION CONTROL IN BRAZIL

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In Brazil, from October 2020, only the Seafarer Identity Documents card issued under the terms of ILO Convention No. 185 (SID C185) will be accepted by the Federal Police and for the purpose of exemption from the temporary visa.

The Seaman's Book has no relevance for immigration control, as required by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, for seafarers, even for nationals of countries that had signed Convention No. 185 of the ILO, and it is necessary that they carry a Seafarer Identity Documents issued under the terms of the aforementioned Convention.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

Generally, a visa is required for a migrant to enter Brazil, in order to work as a crewmember, according of the following types:

- 1** - For a period of 90 days in the migratory year, non-extendable: Visitor Business Visa type;
- 2** - For a period exceeding 90 days: Temporary Work Visa type, which must be registered with the Federal Police.

VISA EXEMPTIONS

- 1** - The crew and other workers of the maritime vessels, whose nationality is exempt from a business visa, for non-extendable stays of up to 90 days.
- 2** - Crew Members holding a Seafarer Identity Document (SID) issued under Convention no. 185 of the International Labor Organization-ILO, are exempt from a business visa. It is valid for entry or exit, as long as they enter the country on the vessel, or demonstrate that the purpose of entry is to embark on a ship, for long-haul voyages or cruises along the Brazilian coast, for stays of up to one hundred and eighty days each migratory year.