



MOZAMBIQUE - MATOLA - MAPUTO

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COVID-19 - Crew Changes

The following information was received from our correspondent on 06 December:

QUOTE

Please find an information received from Mr Moustache who is a surveyor in Maputo and who has been assisting us very nicely in some cases.

"Please be advised that Maputo Port has opened up for crew change at both Maputo and Matola ports for vessels alongside berths. Owners must communicate their request in sufficient time to allow the various authorities to prepare and set the procedures to be followed.

I also yesterday queried the harbour master and received confirmation that crew changes can be done for vessels passing through but not coming to Maputo. So crew changes can be carried out for these vessel either OPL or inside the inner anchorage. Again the procedures will need to be followed as set out by the authorities and advanced requests must be made. The port (harbour master) will advise the best position for the vessels for such operations, depending on the prevailing conditions (weather, boats, etc) for safety of all concerned.

Kindly divulge this information to the P & I Clubs you work with so they can inform their members accordingly. I attach the communication received from the port for your reference.

I hope this may help to alleviate the problem of so many seafarers who are presently stranded on ships waiting to go on leave and those ashore waiting to join ships.

For any further clarifications, please contact me or the harbour master directly.

Best regards,

Gérard Moustache

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RE-START OF CREW CHANGES IN MAPUTO AND MATOLA PORTS

Having in consideration the evolution of the prophylactic measures adopted regard Covid-19 in face of the present situation worldwide and in Mozambique, following the recommendations of the World Health Organization, UN, IMO, P&I Club Associates for the purpose of implementation of procedures and regulations to enable the safe and correct exchange of Crew Members on board of vessels, the Harbour Master, the Port Authority and the Committee of Free Pratique of Maputo and Matola Ports have implemented a protocol and conditions to Safely promote the re-start of the process of exchange of Crew Members in this new period of prophylactic measures due Covid-19.

This Service Order refers only the changes in the Sanitary Protocol and does not replace, change or whatsoever all the other protocol procedures to be followed by the remaining Authorities.

In this way, the bullet (1.12) of the documents and service orders advertises to All Port Users and Public in general in 23rd of March 2020 (Additional Measures due Covid-19), will be cancelled in immediate effect and will be replaced by this new Protocol which will be producing practical effects, immediately after the publication by the MPDC Department of Communication and Image.

On Signer Crews

All On Signer Crew Members must be in possession of a valid and official Negative PCR Test Report on arrival to the Mozambican Territory, done till 72 hours previous departure their original countries.

Off Signer Crews

All Off Signer Crew Members must be in possession of a valid and official Negative PCR Test Report, done in the Port of Sign Off (Maputo and Matola Ports) and must not be removed from the vessel for any purpose of testing prior the official knowledge of the Negative Result received from the PCR Protocol. The release of the Off Signer Crew Members from on board their vessels must be done with written permission of the Harbour Master after official information received by the Sanitary Authorities for this purpose.

PCR Tests, Lab. Protocol and Final Reports

For the purpose of Off Signer Crew Members PCR Tests and Reports, the National Sanitary Authorities have an official list of recognized Labs for purpose of this protocol.

The **list of Labs recognized and recommended by the Sanitary Authorities** for this purpose are:

- **Sistema Nacional de Saúde**
- **Hospital Privado de Maputo**
- **ICOR**
- **Clinicare**
- **Medicross**

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This protocol can be also performed by other official and legalized Health Entities not mentionate in this list but for this purpose and for matters of official validation of the results, it will be necessary the recognition and authenticity of the results by the Sanitary Authorities (Direcção de Saúde de Maputo).

Procedures for performance of PCR Tests and intention of Crew Change in Maputo and Matola Ports

Vessels intending to perform Crew Changes in Maputo and Matola Ports Jurisdiction Area must manifest their intentions by writing and through the official Local Vessel Agent or Protective Nominated Agent during the event of process of Nomination of their vessels.

The names, ranks and details of the Off Signers and On Signers must be submitted in that written intention as well as the estimated date and particulars of the operation.

Exchange of Crew Members arriving in Mozambique and departing from Mozambican Territory in the same day, will not need to appoint a hotel facility for staging confining area as the Crew Change will be done immediately.

Exchange of Crew Members arriving in Mozambique and departing from Mozambican Territory in different days, will be necessary to appoint a hotel facility for staging confining area during that period of time. The hotel facility must be informed to the Free Pratique Committee (Harbour Master, Port Authority, Immigration Authorities and Sanitary Authorities) for the purpose of possible inspections, verifications and clarification of any event or detail.

During this confining period, Crew members are not allowed to exit this facility for any purpose except for emergency Health situations which will need to be communicated to the Free Pratique Committee and Harbour Master, who will authorize by written this exceptional leave.

For the purpose on this case (Crew Changes not performed in the same day), **On Signer Crews** must be immediately transfer from the airport on their arrival to the Mozambican Territory to the hotel confining facility area waiting there till the day and time of their transfer to on board the vessels.

Off Signer Crews must be immediately transfer from their vessels after permission granted by the Harbour Master and full clearance of this Protocol by the Sanitary and Immigration Authorities, to the identified hotel confining facility area.

The transport of On Signers and Off Signer Crews must be done by proper, official and legal constituted Entities for this purpose, organized by the Agents for this effect.

The transport must be done directly from:

- The vessels to the airport or from the vessels to the hotel confining facility area or,

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- From the hotel confining facility area to the vessels or directly to the airport.

Any doubt or question must be immediately reported for clarification for the Harbour Master's Office.

This measures will be implemented immediately after their public publication.

Maputo, 04th of December 2020

Harbour Master for Maputo and Matola Ports



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