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Coronavirus, COVID-19

The following information was received from our correspondent on 28 October:

QUOTE

Please find(attached) an update on the regulations regarding PCR certificate submission requirement.

The applicable date is from 20th October 2020 with some relaxation on the criteria.

Kindly be advised of further update (attached) on the COVID-19 regulations by the Korean authorities. Please note the different application dates for each issues addressed.

We trust the translation of the government notice is self-explanatory but do not hesitate to contact us for further information.

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Embassy of the Republic of Korea in the Russian Federation

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TITLE On strengthening quarantine measures against crews of ships arriving at the port of the Republic of Korea and leaving the ports of the Russian Federation

DATE 2020-10-23

The Embassy of the Republic of Korea previously reported on enhanced quarantine measures (providing a negative PCR test for coronavirus) of the Government of the Republic of Korea in relation to crew members of ships leaving Russia and arriving in the Republic of Korea, the list of organizations conducting the PCR test, the decision to expand the list of organizations conducting the test.

In this regard, due to the continuing increase in confirmed cases of coronavirus infection among crew members entering ports in the Republic of Korea, the Government of the Republic of Korea has decided to strengthen quarantine measures for crew members entering the port (including crew members leaving from Russia) ...

Strengthening quarantine measures for crew members departing from Russia:

1. Crew members leaving Russia, from October 23, after receiving a negative PCR test, must receive confirmation from the Embassy of the Republic of Korea (Consulate General) for this test result (copies)

- The procedure for obtaining confirmation is posted on the official website of the Embassy (Consulate General)

※ Confirmation procedure:

- Consulate General in Vladivostok: personal visit by a crew member
- South Sakhalin Office of the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Vladivostok: personal visit by a crew member
- Consulate General in St. Petersburg: see the official website

- Embassy of the Republic of Korea (in the jurisdiction of Krasnodar Territory): sending an email (kichoi20@mofa.go.kr)

2. Vessels calling at a Russian port (including departing), which have cases of boarding or disembarking from a ship of crew members, including a change of crew members, within 14 days after the ship leaves Russia, are prohibited from changing crew in the Republic of Korea

We ask crew members and representatives of relevant departments to treat the above information with understanding.

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Busan National Quarantine Station

To : Recipients in CC

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Title : Notice on the Enforcement of Quarantine Reinforcement of Crew Entering the Port

1. This document is in relation to the Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency-1714(2020.10.20.) 「Notice on the Enforcement of Quarantine Reinforcement of Crew Entering the Port」.

 2. This is to inform you that the following measures **will be implemented** in accordance with **the measures for reinforcing quarantine measure of the crew entering port**, so please take reference in respect to your work.
 - A. **(Ministry of Foreign Affairs) Receive examination of document from the local diplomatic mission** on the PCR Negative Certificate obtained of the crew departing from Russia and thereafter, **provide the result of the document review to the Quarantine Station** (See attachment)
 - Applies to PCR Negative Certificate issued on October 23rd onwards.

 - B. **(Ministry of Justice · Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries)** Vessels with a history of port calls (including departure) in Russia and Philippines, and there has been **embarkation or disembarkation of personnel (within the last 14 days), such as crew change, are prohibited from changing crew members in Korea**
 - Applies to vessels with embarkation or disembarkation of crew in Russia and Philippines as of October 31st

 - C. **(Ministry of Justice · Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries)** Minimizing* disembarkation permits for foreign crew and continuation of ban on those who submit fake or falsified PCR Negative Certificate from entering port
- * Restrictions on disembarkation of foreign crew is exempted in urgent situations, such as the occurrence of patients**

Attachment: (Form for foreign mission) Results of the confirmation of Negative certificate of a crew departing from Russia.
End.

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Busan National Quarantine Station

To : Recipients in CC

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Title : Notice on the change of regulation regarding submission of PCR Negative Certificate for vessels departing from Enhanced Quarantine Required Countries including Russia

1. Relevant document: Guidelines for submitting PCR Negative Certificate for vessels departing from Enhanced Quarantine Required Countries and Russia (Quarantine Policy Division, Infectious Disease Crisis Response Bureau, Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency)

2. From 3rd August 2020 (Monday), **mandatory submission of PCR Negative Certificate has been in effect, which is to be** issued by an inspection agency recognized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs within 48 hours before departure, for seafarers on board vessels departing from Enhanced Quarantine Required Countries* and Russia.

* (Enhanced Quarantine Required Countries) Pakistan, Bangladesh, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Philippine, Uzbekistan

3. In this regard, we inform you of **the changes in regulations in regards to the submission of the PCR Negative Certificate as per the attached document**. Please refer to the document.

○ Effective date: 20th October 2020 (Tuesday)

Attachment: Notice of change in regulation in regards to submission of PCR Negative Certificate to the port National Quarantine Stations (2020.10.20.). End.

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□ (Port) Notice of changes in regulation regarding submission of PCR Negative Certificate for vessels which have departed from Enhanced Quarantine Required Countries and Russia

※ Enforcement of mandatory submission of PCR Negative Certificate to vessels departing from Enhanced Quarantine Required Countries and Russia (8.3.~)

1) Circumstances where vessels are exempted from submitting the PCR Negative Certificate among vessels entering Korea. (In the following cases, it is judged that it was not initially planned to call at Korean ports or it would have been difficult to know of the possible call to Korean ports.)

① Case where 28 days* have passed since departure from Enhanced Quarantine Required Countries and Russia, and the vessel has called at two or more countries before entering Korea;

* Calculated as twice the presymptomatic period (14 days) for COVID-19, taking reference of the WHO guideline

ex) Enhanced Quarantine Required Countries (Departure on 9.3.)→ Country A→ Country B→ Korea (Arrival on 10.3.)

※ Countries A, B, and C are other than Enhanced Quarantine Required Countries and Russia

② Case where there was no initial plan to call at Korean port or case where the vessel is entering Korean port to take shelter from bad weather conditions

③ Cases of other reasons where calling at Korean ports was not initially planned but it has become unavoidable, the director of the National Quarantine Station will determine the exemption

2) Circumstances where a PCR Negative Certificate was issued within 48 hours before the departure, but the departure was delayed due to the following reasons, resulting in the documents not meeting the standard → If the reason can be verified, it is not considered as not meeting the standard

① Delay of departure due to bad weather conditions such as high waves and natural disasters.

② Delay of departure due to breakdown of the transportation.

③ Circumstances Where the director of the National Quarantine Station determines that the departure was delayed due to unavoidable reasons

3) Changes in Diagnostic Inspection Standards (10.19.~)

Existing/previous	Change
<p>③ Total diagnostic inspection of all crew members of a vessel when there is substandard* submission or failure of submission in respect to the mandatory submission of 'PCR Negative Certificate' regulation * Issued beyond the 48 hours window or issued by an undesignated agency</p>	<p>③ <u>Diagnostic inspection of only the relevant crew member with substandard* submission or failure of submission in respect to the mandatory submission</u> of 'PCR Negative Certificate' regulation * Issued beyond the 48 hours window or issued by an undesignated agency</p>

※ In the case of 1), the vessel is not excluded from the PCR Negative Certificate submission required vessel so the 「The regulation of mandatory submission of the 'PCR Negative Certificate」 does not apply.

4) Definition of valid period of PCR Negative Certificate (Airport/Port)

- If the issuance time of the PCR Negative Certificate exceeds 48 hours from the departure date, the document shall be deemed to be a sub-standard document.
- ※ Example) Apply 00:00 hours to departure date
 - On departure from 01:00 October 5, only documents issued after 00:00 on October 3 shall be accepted
 - On departure from 10:00 October 5, only documents issued after 00:00 on October 3 shall be accepted
 - On departure from 23:00 October 5, only documents issued after 00:00 on October 3 shall be accepted