



SRI LANKA

13 JUL 2020

Coronavirus, COVID-19

The following information was received from our correspondent on 24 June:

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As informed crew changes and bulk crew changes (through chartered exclusive flights) were carried out since 2nd June under stringent measures taken by the relevant Authorities.

However we were informed by the CASA (Ceylon associations of Shipping Agents) this morning that 29 seafarers who arrived from India on 22nd June by special charter flight have been tested positive for Covid-19 (23 Indians who arrived to sign on to ships and 06 Sri Lankans who have signed off in India and returned). There is also 05 inconclusive reports (03 Indians and 02 Sri Lankans). All those who are confirmed positive will be taken to special Covid-19 treatment hospital and balance to be kept in isolation until further testing/monitoring by health authorities are concluded.

As this situation has induced a huge commitment to the health authorities preventing Covid 19 in Sri Lanka. HE the President has directed to temporarily suspend seafarer sign on/off operation for foreigners and limit it only to bring back Sri Lankan seafarers with immediate effect.

Additional secretary to President for Foreign relations has informed all stake holders to take appropriate action to cancel all impending air movements even if these are already approved.

The Bulk crew changes will be permitted subject to Approval given on a case by case basis, the SOP's to be followed by the Agents when conducting crew changes.

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Update received on 13 July:

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Kindly note as advised by the Presidential Secretariat, after 12th of July 2020 no foreign seafarer will be allowed entry to Sri Lanka by sea or air, until further notice.

However direct bulk crew transfers carried out through exclusive charter flights and embarkation/disembarkation of Sri Lankan seafarers will be allowed.

Other husbandry services including dry docking, hot lay-up, launch services, ship spares logistics, supply of bunkers/ lubricants/ provisions/ fresh water, hull cleaning & underwater services etc. are carried out in Sri Lankan waters without interruptions. UNQUOTE

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