



SRI LANKA

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Coronavirus, COVID-19

The following information was received from our correspondent on 11 November:

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Please find attached status update as of 11th of NOVEMBER 2020.

Meantime several cities in WESTERN PROVINCE is yet undergoing under Isolation Curfew, which are identified as high risk areas. Offices in Colombo City is operating with limited staff at both Government and private sector (which is inline with the Government health regulations) while the functions are attended remotely.

Stay Safe !

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Boarding Vessels at all Ports in Sri Lanka

Restrictions of Representatives of Agents Boarding Vessels in Ports of Sri Lanka:

Following decisions have been taken by the Director Quarantine, Ministry of Health in order to minimize the contact of local personnel with the vessels, to minimize the risk of COVID-19 spread. This decision was taken after several crew members of two vessels at Sri Lankan ports were tested positive for COVID-19. Below measures have been implemented from Monday 6th of October, 2020.

1. The representatives of the vessel agents are not allowed to go onboard unless it is essential.
2. All personnel are advised to wear **full PPE** when going onboard.
3. Port Health Officer (PHO) will be issuing "Free Pratique" without going onboard the vessels. However the authority of the PHO to enter into a vessel at any given time with regards to the prevention and control of diseases is remain unchanged.
4. The agents representatives are instructed to do their work at the service desk which will be arranged near each vessel's gangway, along with the Port Security personal for general cargo/ breakbulk vessels to minimize contact with the Ship's Crew.
5. With effect from 30.09.2020, security officers of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) will be deployed for Gangway Sentry Duty in all vessels calling ports Colombo, Galle and Trincomalee, without disturbances to vessel operations.

Sri Lankan Crew

Disembarkation of **Sri Lankan seafarers** will not be allowed and only embarkation to vessels can be carried out in Sri Lankan ports.

Bulk Crew Changes

Directive on temporarily suspend disembarkation of foreign seafarers with immediate effect in all ports of Sri Lanka. Thereby both sign-on and sign-off of foreign seafarers is not allowed in Sri Lanka until further notice.

Direct bulk crew transfers carried out through exclusive charter flights

(The crew is required to transfer directly to/from port/airport, no stay at Isolation Center is allowed and no PCR tests carried out in Sri Lanka) can be carried out subject to approvals from authorities.

Sea marshal operations are allowed to continue as usual for both sign-on and sign-off, however sea marshals are not allowed to arrive into Sri Lanka by air as before.

Husbandry services

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

Kind Regards

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