



COMMENCEMENT OF CREW CHANGES THROUGH COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS:

ON-SIGNERS:

- **FULLY VACCINATED SEAFARERS/SEA-MARSHALS**
(Please refer the [note 1](#) in page 2 for the requirements to be considered as 'fully vaccinated')
 1. Fully vaccinated travelers need NOT to take PCR or Rapid Antigen Tests before traveling to Sri Lanka with effect from 1st March 2022.
 2. Seafarers/sea-marshals will be taken through immigration formalities by the agent's representative attending same at the Airport. Thereafter, will be transferred to the Hotel.
 3. A PCR (48 hrs.) prior joining the vessel, will be carried out at the Hotel, if required.
 4. Transport will be arranged by the agent for transferring seafarers/sea-marshals from airport to hotel and then to designated seaport.
 5. Seafarers/ sea marshals should carry the vaccination certificate (English language) with them.

- **UNVACCINATED OR PARTIALLY VACCINATED SEAFARERS/SEA-MARSHALS**
(The process would be subjected to changes based on instructions by the Ministry of Health, without prior notice).
 1. The seafarers / sea-marshals arrive at the Colombo airport (BIA) with PCR test results (**obtained 72hrs. prior boarding the flight**).
 2. Seafarers /sea-marshals will be taken through immigration formalities by the agent's representative attending same and will be transferred to the Hotel.
 3. A PCR (48 hrs.) prior joining the vessel, will be carried out at the Hotel, if required.
 4. Transport will be arranged by the agent for transferring seafarers/sea-marshals from airport to hotel and then to designated seaport.

OFF-SIGNERS:

- **FULLY VACCINATED SEAFARERS/ SEA-MARSHALS**
 1. The agent to submit the related documents including vaccination certificates and obtain prior approval for disembarking. The submitted documents will be verified by the port health office once disembarked.
 2. Agent's representative to attend the immigration and related formalities.
 3. Transportation to the Hotel.
 4. PCR tests to be carried out, based on varied requirements of airlines.
 5. Transporting to the airport directly via agent's arrangements as per their departure flight schedule.
 6. Seafarers/ sea marshals should carry the vaccination certificate (English language) with them.



- **UNVACCINATED OR PARTIALLY VACCINATED SEAFARERS/SEA-MARSHALS**
 1. The agent to submit the related documents including vaccination certificates and obtain prior approval for disembarking. The submitted documents will be verified by the port health office once disembarked.
 2. Agent's representative to attend the immigration and related formalities.
 3. Transportation to Hotel.
 4. **Day 1 PCR tests to be carried out at the Hotel.**
 5. Upon receipt of NEGATIVE PCR result, transporting to the airport directly via agent's arrangements as per their departure flight schedule.

Note 1: 'Fully Vaccinated travelers'

1. If the recommended doses of the COVID -19 vaccination are completed and depart from abroad two weeks after completion of vaccination, will be considered as 'Fully Vaccinated'.
2. Travelers who had COVID-19 infection between 7 days -6 months prior arriving in SL, with at least single dose of vaccination will be considered as 'Fully Vaccinated'. (They should carry a diagnosis card/verifiable evidence as a proof of past history of the illness in English. They should depart two weeks after vaccination and seven days after the infection.

IMPORTANT:

- Vaccination certificates and PCR test results should be made available in English.
- Last minute changes to the existing procedure could be expected, which will be advised accordingly.
- In the event any seafarer/sea-marshall is tested positive from the PCR tests, they will be transferred to an approved private hospital or Intermediate Care Center managed by the private hospital as per MOH guidelines.
- The above process will be applicable for Surveyors, Superintendents, Technicians and Owner's Representatives holding a valid seamen book and if not to apply for business visa prior to their arrival.