



GAC SHIPPING S.A (PTY) LTD

Crew Change Amended Guidelines

AMENDMENT OF DIRECTIONS ISSUED IN TERMS OF REGULATION 4(7), READ WITH REGULATION 41(1)(a), OF THE REGULATIONS MADE UNDER SECTION 27(2) OF THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002 (ACT NO. 57 OF 2002): MEASURES TO ADDRESS, PREVENT AND COMBAT THE SPREAD OF COVID -19 AT SEA PORTS FOR ALERT LEVEL 1

"6. FOREIGN CREW CHANGES AND PROHIBITION OF CRUISE SHIPS CALLING AT SEA PORTS

(1) Foreign crew changes are permitted at all nine commercial ports.

(2) (a) Signing-on crew must produce a negative Polymerase Chain Reaction ("PCR") test certificate or a valid certificate of COVID-19 negative test results, obtained not more than 72 hours before the date of travel, from an accredited laboratory and in line with World Health Organization requirements at the first South African Port of Entry.

(b) In the event of a crew member's failure to produce a valid PCR test certificate, this will warrant quarantine, at the crew member's own cost.

(3) (a) Signing-off crews are not required to produce a valid PCR test certificate if the vessel has not had crew changes or has not visited a foreign port within 10 days before arrival at a South African sea port.

(b) A crew member's failure to adhere to the requirement contemplated in paragraph (a), will warrant quarantine, at the crew member's own cost.

(4) Foreign crew may layover at a designated quarantine facility for a period not exceeding seven days, at their own cost, but must proceed directly to Ports of Entry once this period has lapsed and must also comply with South African Immigration requirements and Port Health protocols.

(5) Cruise ships are prohibited from calling at any of the South African sea ports, except for the disembarkation of returning—

(a) South African crew;

(b) South African citizens; or

(c) holders of South African permanent residence permits.

Additional Remarks

As of 1st October 2020, the application process for crew change falls away. Seafarers can proceed to South Africa even from high risk countries (they are essential workers playing a vital role in transportation of goods).

All seafarers must comply with South African Immigration requirements and Port Health protocols.

Crew changes can be conducted across all South African commercial ports.

Crew of any nationality may transfer without a visa, provided they meet the following criteria:

- They are bona-fide crew members and not supernumeraries (e.g. crew members wives and children etc.).
- They carry a valid passport with a minimum of 3 blank pages and 3 months validity.
- They carry a valid seaman's book (if they do not have please advise us in advance).
- Off signers to hold a valid e-ticket for departure.
- Technicians/Superintendent from visa exempt Countries must be in possession of a valid passport, seaman's book and a copy of contract. (seaman's book required if joining/disembarking off port limits/anchorage)
- Technicians/Superintendent from visa restricted Countries must be in possession of a visa, passport, seaman's book and a copy of contract. (seaman's book required if joining/disembarking off port limits/anchorage)

Our office will issue an OKTB and LOG for on signers to enter South Africa.

On arrival in South Africa they will be issued with a temporary transit visa which is valid for 7 days.

GAC Shipping SA look forward to assisting your office with the safe embarkation and disembarkation of crew members. We would like to extend our offer to you to give us an opportunity to showcase our service & professionalism. We can guarantee you 100% satisfaction.