

COMMENCEMENT OF CREW CHANGES THROUGH COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS:

ON-SIGNERS:

FULLY VACCINATED SEAFARERS/SEA-MARSHALS

Seafarers/sea marshals who have completed the recommended doses of COVID-19 vaccination and departs from abroad two weeks after completion of vaccination will be considered as 'Fully Vaccinated'

1. Once the seafarers /sea-marshals arrive at the Colombo airport (BIA), they need to report to the health counter of the Ministry of Health (MOH) and produce their vaccination cards and PCR test results **(obtained 72 hrs. prior boarding the flight).**

Please refer below link to the Online health declaration form (HDF) to be filled by the passengers (crew) coming in SL: https://www.airport.lk/passenger_guide/arrival_info/health_declaration_form

2. After verifying the details by the medical staff at the health counter, a 'Blue Stamp' will be issued to the respective seafarers/ sea-marshals clearing them from the checks.
3. Thereafter, the seafarers/sea-marshals will be taken through immigration formalities by the agent's representative attending same.
4. **It is mandatory that the seafarers / sea-marshals carry the 'BLUE Stamp' until they join the vessel.**
5. An additional PCR (48 hrs.) prior joining the vessel, will be carried out at the Hotel, if required.
6. Transport will be arranged by the agent for transferring seafarers/sea-marshals from airport to hotel and then to designated seaport.

▪ 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. Once the seafarers / sea-marshals arrive at the Colombo airport (BIA), they need to report to the Health Counter of MOH and produce their vaccination cards and PCR test results **(obtained 72hrs. prior boarding the flight).**

Please refer below link to the Online health declaration form (HDF) to be filled by the passengers (crew) coming in SL: https://www.airport.lk/passenger_guide/arrival_info/health_declaration_form

2. After verifying details by the medical staff at the health counter, a 'RED Stamp' will be issued to the seafarers / sea-marshals clearing them from the checks.
3. Thereafter, the seafarers /sea-marshals will be taken through immigration formalities by the agent's representative attending same and will be transferred to Isolation Center.
4. Upon receipt of DAY 1 negative PCR test results, transporting to the seaport as per their vessel schedule.



OFF-SIGNERS:

▪ **FULLY VACCINATED/ NOT 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 Isolation Center.
4. **Additional PCR tests to be carried out, based on varied requirements of airlines.**
5. Upon receipt of DAY 1 negative PCR test results, transporting to the airport directly via agent's arrangements as per their departure flight schedule (in MOH approved vehicles).

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-marshals is tested positive from the PCR tests, they will be transferred to an approved treatment center 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.
- **Sea-farers / sea-marshals who are not fully vaccinated should be transported to/from Isolation Centers under the escort of security forces, in MOH approved vehicles for which additional charges would be applicable.**