

## PORT CIRCULAR 17 OF 2020

To: All Port Operators

From: John Ghio, Deputy Captain of the Port

Date: 26 May 2020

Re: GPA Crew Change protocol as part of Measures during COVID-19 Pandemic

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Dear All

**This Port Circular No 17 of 2020 supersedes Port Circular No 12 of 2020 dated 30<sup>th</sup> April.**

In continuation of Port Circular No 8 of 2020 (dated 05<sup>th</sup> April 2020), please note that Crew changes will be allowed by Gibraltar Port Authority subject to compliance with the following measures:-

### **Disembarkation:**

- OPL will now be allowed for disembarking crew.
- Disembarking crew to confirm free of any symptoms for past 14 days – vessel’s master to provide official declaration.
- Agent to arrange special transport provisions – transportation from Port to Airport/Hotel needs to be carried out in the ‘Dirty Vehicle’. Details of which can be found below.
- Agents launch crew to avoid close contact with disembarking crew.
- Hotel stays are allowed for a maximum of 10 days. Details of hotels which can be used can be found below.

### **Embarking Crew:**

- OPL will now be allowed for embarking crew.
- Only designated hotels to be used where hotel stay is required. Details of hotels which can be used can be found below.
- Agent to arrange special transport provisions – transportation from Airport/Hotel to Port needs to be carried out in the ‘Dirty Vehicle’. Details of which can be found below.
- Agent launch crew to avoid close contact with embarking crew

## **Travel Arrangements and Hotel Accommodation for Crew Members**

Please note that all seafarer transportation needs to be carried out in 'dirty vehicle' For benefit of any doubt the use of dirty vehicles are those that adhere to the following conditions:

1. Capacity to transport 22 pax.
2. The driver is separated from the passengers by a compartment (no physical or airborne contact).
3. The vehicle is only used to transport sea farers.

Please note that transportation of sea fearers are 3<sup>rd</sup> party arrangements between the agent and service provider.

Currently the following have adapted vehicles:

Persian Rose (contactable via email [taxiassociation@gibtelecom.net](mailto:taxiassociation@gibtelecom.net))  
Calypso  
Blands Travel

The GPA is to be copied into any transport arrangements on the emails above provided.

As from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2020 hotel accommodation for sea fearers has been extended up to 10 days maximum. The following hotels are designated hotels for sea fearer transfers:

1. Rock Hotel
2. Holiday Inn Express
3. Elliott Hotel
4. Caleta Palace Hotel

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The GPA is to be copied into any accommodation arrangements on the emails above provided.

Thank you for your assistance in these exceptional times and, of course, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me or one of my team as outlined above.

**JOHN GHIO**  
**DEPUTY CAPTAIN OF THE PORT**