

PORT CIRCULAR 16(A) OF 2020

To: All Port Operators

From: John Ghio, Deputy Captain of the Port

Date: 8th July 2020

Re: **ALL MARITIME RELATED ENTRIES THROUGH THE LAND FRONTIER/
TRANSPORTS PROVIDERS AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATION FOR CREW
MEMBERS**

Dear All

This is an amendment and supersedes "Port Circular 14 of 2020"

In regards to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, the Gibraltar Port Authority will allow for all maritime related personnel to attend vessels at Gibraltar subject to compliance with the following measures and the below mentioned parties being advised at least 24 hours in advance where possible:-

- Name of the vessel attending
- Name of the Individual
- Purpose of attendance onboard
- Contracting-out Employer (Other Member State Registered Employer)
- Contracting-in Gibraltar Registered Employer
- Location of Vessel:- at Anchor, Gibdock or Alongside
- Expected time of duration on-board the vessel
- Place of residency
- Will the individual be returning home or sailing with the vessel
- Has the individual attending been at sea or in any other jurisdiction in the past 14 days

The above information is to be sent to the following contact details for BCA and GPA;

Email:

shipping@bca.gov.gi
spo@port.gov.gi
work.permits@gibraltar.gov.gi

Any changes to vessels programme (day of arrival) needs to be communicated to the above addresses.

The above process will also cover maritime related personnel crossing the Gibraltar / Spanish border.

For those wishing to travel to Gibraltar via the Gibraltar International Airport, Borders and Coastguard will issue the shipping agent with an Immigration Pre-clearance letter. The agent is then to forward the letter to the shipping company, ensuring that the individual travelling to Gibraltar has the document in their possession, before making their way to Gibraltar.

Travel Arrangements and Hotel Accommodation for Crew Members

Please note that all seafarer transportation needs to be carried out in 'dirty vehicle' For the 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.

Currently the following companies have adapted vehicles:

Persian Rose (contactable via email taxiassociation@gibtelecom.net)

Calypso

Blands Travel

Taxis (list of taxis which will be designated as dirty taxis and which will only be able to transport crewmembers to be provided by Taxi Association). These taxis will not be permitted to transfer locals unless the taxi has been deeply cleaned.

Please note that transportation of sea fearers are 3rd party arrangements between the agent and service provider. However agents are to adhere to the companies stated above.

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

As from Monday 27th 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:

Rock Hotel

Holiday Inn Express

Eliott Hotel

Caleta Palace Hotel

Please note that the accommodation of sea fearers is a 3rd party arrangement between the agent and service provider. The agent will be responsible to inform each and every crewmember that they are to remain in the hotel premises for the period of ten days before they are allowed to go outdoors as normal. Those staying for less than the ten days will be able to be transferred directly to the port on the day of embarkation. Those crewmembers not adhering to the conditions will result in the agent not being allowed to conduct any crew change during this pandemic. Agents and Hotels are reminded that this is a concession which will be removed if they do not abide by this instructions. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact us.

**JOHN GHIO
DEPUTY CAPTAIN OF THE PORT**