

PORT CIRCULAR 17(A) OF 2020

To: All Port Operators

From: John Ghio, Deputy Captain of the Port

Date: 8th July 2020

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

Dear All

This Port Circular No 17 of 2020 supersedes Port Circular No 12 of 2020 dated 30th April.

In continuation of Port Circular No 8 of 2020 (dated 05th 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 a '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 passengers.
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 3rd party arrangements between the agent and service provider.

Currently the following companies have adapted vehicles:

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

The GPA is to be copied into any transport arrangements spo@port.gov.gi

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:

1. Rock Hotel
2. Holiday Inn Express
3. Elliott Hotel
4. Caleta Palace Hotel
5. Bristol 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 will be removed if they do not abide by these instructions.

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

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 SPOs as outlined above.

JOHN GHIO
DEPUTY CAPTAIN OF THE PORT