

Associated British Ports South Wales

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

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Coronavirus (COVID-19) Vessel Notification Requirements – Maritime Declaration Of Health

Mariners, Port Users and Vessel Operators/Agents are advised of the following requirements for vessels arriving at the 5 South Wales Ports of Swansea, Port Talbot, Barry, Cardiff and Newport.

All vessels arriving from ports outside of the UK must submit a completed Maritime Declaration of Health form to the relevant Port Health Authority (copied to Cardiff LPS) via their shipping agent when other pre arrival information is submitted. This must be done no later than 12 hours before the vessel's anticipated ETA. This aligns with the UK Government requirements.

Similarly, for any operations involving the transfer of personnel to or from vessels in the port limits of Swansea, Port Talbot, Barry, Cardiff and Newport, the vessel's master will first need to submit a Maritime Declaration of Health form to the relevant Port Health Authority.

Mitigation measures onboard all vessels requiring pilotage services to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 should include:

- Rigorous cleaning of bridge and other equipment that the pilot would normally contact (VHF Radio handsets, chart tables, radar etc)
- Observing a reasonable distance requirement (2metres) between ship's crew and pilot.
- Regular hand-washing and avoidance of touching the face.
- Catching any coughs and sneezes with a tissue which is then disposed of
- Limiting bridge team to essential ships crew for the duration of the pilotage passage.

Please ensure that this requirement is promulgated to all vessel Masters to avoid potential delays.

Please contact Cardiff LPS office, VHF Ch 68, Tel. 02920 835023 if additional information is required.

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Owners, Agents and Charters should ensure that the contents of this notice are made known to the masters or persons in charge of their vessel or craft.