

Member State: <b>Croatia</b>	Last Update: March 24, 2020
<p align="center"><b>• Reporting requirements – Maritime Declaration of Health: refer to changes to the standard process or specific requirements</b></p>	
<p>1. In addition to the standard reporting requirements prior to a ship's port arrival the ship's master via ship agent shall communicate to the Croatian Maritime Administration and Sanitary Inspection, a list of persons on board containing information on dates and ports of embarkation.</p> <p>2. National VTS service is monitoring movements of all ships on international voyages and if entering Croatian sea waters is contacting them on VHF and also informing national services.</p> <p>3. In case of suspected infection of persons on board the ship shall be denied entry into port until the sanitary inspectors have identified the health status of persons on board the ship.</p> <p>4. If an infection is confirmed the ship shall be denied entry into port and the infected person shall receive specific medical treatment in accordance with a specified protocol.</p> <p>5. If the ship departs before laboratory results are obtained the master and the next port of call shall be given a notification of the patient's condition and eventual confirmation of an infection.</p> <p>6. In case the laboratory test confirms the infection before ship departure, the patient shall be disembarked and hospitalized subject to the recommended safeguards by medical personnel and advance notice of the patient's transport will be given to the appropriate hospital.</p> <p>7. Regarding recreational vessels, if coming from covid19 risk areas, all people on board shall go to quarantine, and if coming from areas with confirmed covid19 cases, they shall go to self-isolation. If foreign citizens have no place to stay in Croatia, they shall leave Croatia by sea. Vessels shall be disinfected.</p>	
<p align="center"><b>• Traffic: refer to vessel types not allowed to call all/specific ports. Traffic lines suspended. Include the start and scheduled end date of the measures</b></p>	
<p>All passenger ships/vessels activities have been cancelled. The only exemption from this rule are necessary domestic ferry transport of persons residing on islands.</p>	
<p align="center"><b>• People: measures taken affecting the movement of crewmembers or passengers – (dis)embarkation, crewmembers not allowed to go ashore, etc.)</b></p>	
<p>Crew changes for EU citizens (cargo vessels, cruisers without passengers) are possible in Croatian ports based on the special protocol.</p>	
<p align="center"><b>• Certificates: measures taken with regard expiring ship/crew certificates.</b></p>	

Croatian seafarers currently embarked on board vessels engaged in international navigation, who are unable to disembark and repatriate to the Republic of Croatia, are granted with general extension of the validity of seafarers personal documents up to 3 months for those which will expire before 18 June 2020 in order to allow them to work legally, in respect of the:

- Certificates of Competency (CoC) and Certificates of Proficiency (CoP)
- Medical certificates
- Endorsements of foreign certificates
- Seamen's books, Embarkation permits and Seafarers identity documents.

Also, the extension of the validity of the Seafarer employment agreement period is allowed to be granted for a maximum period of 3 months.

Relevant Guidelines were issued and published at Ministry web site [www.mmpi.hr](http://www.mmpi.hr)

For information our seafarers can contact email [pomorci@pomorstvo.hr](mailto:pomorci@pomorstvo.hr)

**• Inspections: measures taken with regards to PSC, flag state, Security, etc**

1. Port state control: Port state control inspection procedures are minimized to priority 1 ships only, only for ships not coming from risk covid19 areas, strictly subject to rigorous prior information and risk assessment of on board persons health by the competent authorities, by consulting and examining all information including the last port calls in which the ship was located.

All PSC inspections are postponed except overriding factors:

- Ships which have been suspended or withdrawn from their class for safety reasons since the last inspection in the Community or in the Paris MOU region.
- Ships which have been the subject of a report or notification by another Member State.
- Ships which cannot be identified in the inspection database.
- have been involved in a collision, grounding or stranding on their way to the port,
- have been accused of an alleged violation of the provisions on discharge of harmful substances or effluents, or
- have manoeuvred in an erratic or unsafe manner whereby routing measures, adopted by the IMO, or safe navigation practices and procedures have not been followed.

2. Flag state inspections: The inspection of domestic ships in Croatia is carried out regularly if no infected persons on board, subject to rigorous prior information and risk assessment.
3. Inspections of ports, infrastructure, coasts and vessels at sea and inland waters are carried out according to regular procedures, taking into account each particular situation, but strictly only after preliminary risk assessment of the potential risk of infection.
4. Security inspections are carried out according to procedures, depending on the particular situation, but strictly only after preliminary risk assessment of the potential risk of infection, which could be the subject of the inspection.

When performing above stated tasks, the inspectors shall strictly follow instructions regarding the use of personal protection equipment (protective mask, rubber gloves, protective glasses and disinfectant).

**• Any other measure not considered above**

In order for other national services to be informed on time and prepared for incoming international ship calls, every day in 10.00 and 15.00 o'clock, list of international ship calls (as evidenced in national maritime single window) is disseminated to relevant stakeholders.

### **I. Harbour Masters' Office**

Until further notice, Harbour Master's Officers (Traffic department) will not visit ships on arrival/departure unless ordered so in urgent cases.

In carrying out regular tasks or in case of need to go on board, the use of personal protective equipment (protective mask, rubber gloves, safety, hand sanitizers) is mandatory.

### **II. Shipping agencies**

All shipping agencies were notified of the obligation to provide the Croatian Maritime Administration and Sanitary inspectors with the information on embarkation port and date for all persons on board, through national maritime single window.

### **III. Pilots**

Ship pilots were given special guidelines regarding personal protection measures and on informing competent authorities in case of suspected infection of persons on board the ship.