



REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

SHIPPING DEPUTY MINISTRY TO THE PRESIDENT

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To all members of the Cyprus Shipping Chamber
To all members of the Cyprus Union of Shipowners
To all members of the Cyprus Shipping Association
To all members of the Cyprus Marinas Association
To all Registered Owners, Registered Bareboat Charterers, Registered Ship Managers
To all Owners of Coastal Passenger Vessels
To all Owners of Fishing Vessels

Subject: Crew Changes within the framework of the content of Minister of Health Decree dated 12 February 2021

Referring to Decree of the Minister of Health titled “the Infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus Decree (No.8) of the 12th February 2021, (hereinafter “The Decree”)), the following will apply for the crew changes of ships or other vessels in ports or marinas in the Republic:

Crew changes in ports of Cyprus are allowed under conditions as below:

1. For crew changes involving crew members of any nationality which, in the 14 preceding days before their arrival in Cyprus, were in countries belonging only to categories A or B or were onboard vessels which did not dock at any port, or which docked only in ports of countries of categories A or B, no approval is required from the Shipping Deputy Ministry. In all such cases, crew changes should be effected in accordance with all existing measures and procedures applicable to persons arriving from countries belonging to categories A and B.
2. Applications for crew changes discharged from merchant or other vessels should be submitted by the companies involved, to the Shipping Deputy Ministry, at the email address crewchanges@dms.gov.cy and should include:

- Name of ship and IMO number (if applicable)
- Port or port facility in Cyprus
- Name(s) of crew member(s)
- Details of departure flight
- Location of residence in Cyprus (if applicable)

No approval is required for crew changes between vessels (which do not involve the embarkation / disembarkation of any crew members).



3. Crew members intending to enter the Republic of Cyprus through airports of the Republic, bound for enlistment with merchant or other vessels in ports and port facilities of Cyprus should obtain the Cyprus Flight Pass (see www.cyprusflightpass.gov.cy), providing all information, data and declarations required. They should hold the Cyprus Flight Pass before boarding the airplane and before their arrival in the Republic. For crew members of ships or other vessels, whose flight originates from a country other than category A and B country, Cyprus Flight Pass may be obtained with responsibility of the ship agent or the company representing the ship or other vessel in Cyprus. The agent or company should, within 14 days before the flight, obtain special entry permission, through web page www.cyprusflightpass.gov.cy. Applications not submitted by agents or companies not seated in the Republic will be rejected.


4. According to paragraph 2.34 of the Order, until 28th February at 23:59 hours, or as may be extended, persons arriving in the Republic from the United Kingdom should comply with all terms of the paragraph, including the obligation of transfer to hotels or/and tourist accommodations with which the Deputy Ministry of Tourism has signed a contract, where they should remain in compulsory confinement for a period of 7 days from their date of arrival. In case transfer of the seafarer will take place upon arrival or within a period of less than 7 days, the ship agent advises the Shipping Deputy Ministry accordingly at crewchanges@dms.gov.cy in order to effect the necessary arrangements. The advice should include:

- Name of seafarer
- Passport number
- Ship's name, IMO number and port in Cyprus
- Flight details

5. An individual approval of the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works will be required for any case of private flight.

Persons wishing to arrive in the Republic for professional obligations related to shipping and originate from countries other than category A and B countries, according to paragraph 2.13 of the Decree, should apply to the designated Committee through web page www.cyprusflightpass.gov.cy, within 14 and 2 days from the scheduled date of arrival. The companies representing these persons in the Republic may advise the Shipping Deputy Ministry about the application, at Email address crewchanges@dms.gov.cy.

This Circular replaces Circular 4/2021 dated 14/01/2021.



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- Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works
- Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Ministry of Energy, Commerce and Industry
- Permanent Secretary, Deputy Ministry of Tourism
- Permanent Secretary, Cyprus Ports Authority