

PORT CIRCULAR 14 OF 2022 (V2)

TO: PORT OPERATORS

FROM: CAPTAIN OF THE PORT

DATE: 5th January 2023

RE: Management of Seafarers and maritime related Personnel under COVID-19 measures

Updated Port Circular – Management of Seafarers and maritime related Personnel under COVID-19 measures

1. Seafarer and maritime related personnel arriving by sea, from China or the Special Administrative Regions of Macao or Hong Kong in the 14-day period preceding entry into Gibraltar must comply with the following.

Summary:

Any seafarer or maritime related personnel who has been to China or the Special Administrative Regions of Macao or Hong Kong in the 14 days preceding their arrival in Gibraltar will be required to adhere to the following:

- The shipping agent will be required to report the fact that the seafarer or maritime related personnel have been to China or the Special Administrative Regions of Macao or Hong Kong to the Gibraltar Port Authority
- The seafarer or maritime related personnel will be required to either:
 - Take a COVID-19 PCR test within 48 hours prior to your arrival into Gibraltar and present a negative COVID-19 PCR test result to the Gibraltar Port Authority; or
 - Book a COVID-19 PCR test before arriving in Gibraltar to be taken within 24 hours of their arrival into Gibraltar. There will be a requirement to contact a private test provider to arrange your COVID-19 PCR test. A list of approved private PCR Test providers can be found on Negative COVID-19 Test Requirement from ALL arrivals to Gibraltar from China, SAR Macao, SAR Hong Kong - Gibraltar Health Authority (gha.gi)

- Consent will be provided to the private test provider advising 111 of the result.

- If opting to take a COVID-19 PCR test within 24 hours of arrival in Gibraltar, the following measures will also apply:
 - The person (seafarer or maritime related personnel) will be required to self-isolate immediately upon arrival and until such time as a person authorised by Director of Public Health has confirmed a negative COVID-19 PCR test result. If staying in a hotel, the person must remain in their room and not use any of the public areas.
 - Do not use public transport until you have received confirmation of a negative COVID-19 PCR test result.
 - If any COVID-19 PCR test result proves positive, the Gibraltar Health Authority (GHA) will issue you with further instructions.

- If developing symptoms or feel unwell, 111 must be called immediately even if a swab has been taken.

- 4. Instructions applicable to Seafarers arriving by land or air: In the case that a seafarer or maritime related personnel arrives by land or air please see link: <https://www.gibraltar.gov.gi/press-releases/update-to-covid-19-testing-requirements-for-travellers-from-china-macao-and-hong-kong-9402022-8541>

- For avoidance of doubt, seafarers and maritime related personnel who are in transit and who temporarily for whatever reason stop in China, Macao or Hong Kong, before arriving in Gibraltar, are to be treated as if they had travel from China, Macao or Hong Kong as the country of origin and as such required to comply with the COVID-19 measures implemented in Gibraltar for travelers from such countries.

- 5. Civil Contingencies Emergency (Coronavirus) Regulations.

Note that Emergency regulations lapse at the end of the period of 30 days beginning with the date on which they are made or at such time as may be specified in the regulations. It is the individual's responsibility to ensure that they follow the most up to date regulations. Latest regulations can be accessed by visiting: <https://www.gibraltarlaws.gov.gi>

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