



## KINGDOM OF SPAIN

### MEASURES TO MINIMIZE THE EFFECTS OF THE OCCURRED SANITARY CRISIS OF COVID 19 IN THE FIELD OF THE MERCHANT MARINE

**Updated to:** April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

In Spain, Royal Decree 463/2020, of March 14, has declared a state of alarm for the management of the health crisis situation caused by COVID-19. The measures adopted also affect maritime transport and maritime navigation, either directly or by subsequent ministerial orders.

**The measures adopted in the field of maritime navigation management are the following:**

**A)** Extension of the term of validity of the titles, certificates whose validity ends during the validity of the alarm state.

Titles whose validity are extended:

- a)** Certificates of Competency (CoC) and Proficiency for seafarers, provided for the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW) and in national regulations on maritime training.
- b)** Certificates and documents issued for ships ruled by the international instruments of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the International Labor Organization (ILO) and the European Union.
- c)** Certificates and documents issued for ships and boats that provide services, under national regulations.
- d)** Maritime training certificates issued for seafarers, provided for in the STCW Convention according to health regulations, for a maximum period of six months from expiration.
- e)** Certificates of revision of the first-aid kits on board ships, provided for in international ILO regulations and national, for a maximum period of six months from expiration.



- f) Medical certificates of fitness issued to seafarers, in accordance with the STCW Convention and national regulations, for a maximum period of six months from the expiration date.

By Order TMA/258/2020, of March 19, by which provisions are made regarding administrative titles and inspection activities of the maritime administration, under the protection of Royal Decree 463/2020, of March 14, modified by the Order TMA/309/2020, of March 31.

By the Resolution of April 21, 2020, of the Social Institute of the Marine Merchant (Instituto Social de la Marina), by which certain measures are adopted, on the occasion of COVID-19, in relation to the specific benefits and services for the maritime fishing sector.

- B) Extension of the term of validity of the dispatches by time, and the crew signing on and off.

By Order TMA / 258/2020, of March 19.

- C) Suspension of the carrying out of inspections and surveys of the Maritime Administration, both for national ships and for foreign ships in Spanish ports.

- Only those unscheduled inspections and surveys will be carried out on national ships arising from emergency situations that pose a risk to maritime safety and the protection of the marine environment.
- Only those inspections will be carried out on foreign ships to which priority factors apply.

By Order TMA/258/2020, of March 19.

- D) Passenger disembarking prohibitions.

### **Italy.**

Prohibition of entry into Spanish ports of ro-ro passenger ships and passenger ships that provide regular line service between ports of the Republic of Italy and the Kingdom of Spain that have embarked passengers in Italian port.

From 00:00 hours on March 13, 2020 until the end of the state of alarm or until other circumstances justify a new order

By Order TMA/330/2020, of April 8th, extending the prohibition of entry of passenger ships from the Italian Republic and cruises of any origin destined for Spanish ports to limit the spread and contagion by COVID-19.

### **Cruise-type passenger ships.**



The entry into Spanish ports of cruise-type passenger ships from any port is prohibited.

From 00:00 on March 13, 2020 until the end of the state of alarm or until there are new circumstances that justify another order.

By Order TMA / 330/2020, of April 8.

### **Balearic Islands.**

Prohibition from 00:00 on March 19, 2020:

- In the ports of Palma, Alcúdia, Maó, Ciutadella and Eivissa.
- In all the ports of the Balearic Islands of all the ships and recreational vessels used for recreational or sports purposes or in nautical leasing (charter).

The provision of three daily frequencies per direction is enabled on the routes of ro-ro passenger ships and passenger ships that provide regular line service, with passage on board, between the islands of Formentera and Ibiza and vice versa. Passengers will justify the trip due to unavoidable needs or the activities authorized in article 7.1 of Royal Decree 463/2020, of March 14, that are the following:

- a) Acquisition of food, pharmaceuticals and basic necessities.
- b) Assistance to health centers, services and establishments.
- c) Travel to the workplace to carry out their work, professional or business provision.
- d) Return to the place of habitual residence.
- e) Assistance and care for the elderly, minors, dependents, people with disabilities or especially vulnerable people.
- f) Displacement to financial and insurance entities.
- g) Due to force majeure or need.
- h) Any other activity of a similar nature

By Order TMA/247/2020, of March 17, establishing the transport measures to be applied to the connections between the peninsula and the Autonomous Community of the Balearic Islands.

### **Canary Islands.**

Prohibition of the following maritime traffics:



- From 00:00 on March 18, 2020, disembarking in ports located in the territory of the Autonomous Community of the Canary Islands of passengers embarked on ro-ro passenger ships and passenger ships that provide regular line service, with passage on board, originating in the peninsula, is prohibited.
- From 00:00 hours on March 19, 2020, the entry into all ports of the Canary Islands of all vessels and recreational boats used for recreational or sports purposes or in nautical leasing (charter), is prohibited.

By Order TMA/246/2020, of March 17, which establishes the transport measures to be applied to the connections between the peninsula and the Autonomous Community of the Canary Islands.

### **Ceuta.**

- From 00:00 hours on March 17, 2020, it is prohibited the disembarking in the port of Ceuta of passengers embarked on ro-ro passenger ships and passenger ships that provide regular line service between the peninsula and Ceuta.
- The entry into the port of Ceuta of vessels that are not passenger, cargo or fishing, coming from any port, which due to their number of people on board, including the crew, pose a risk to the health and safety of citizens, may be prohibited by the Government Delegate in Ceuta.

By Order TMA/241/2020, of March 16, establishing the transport measures to be applied to the connections between the peninsula and the City of Ceuta.

### **Melilla.**

- From 00:00 hours on March 17, 2020, it is prohibited the disembarking in the port of Melilla of passengers on board ro-ro passenger ships and passenger ships that provide regular line service between the peninsula and Melilla.
- The entry into the port of Melilla of vessels other than passenger, cargo or fishing vessels, coming from any port, which due to their number of people on board, including the crew, pose a risk to the health and safety of citizens, may be prohibited by the Government Delegate in Melilla.

By Order TMA/242/2020, of March 16, establishing the transport measures to be applied to the connections between the peninsula and the City of Melilla.

### **E) Facilitation of the transit of seafarers.**

The borders crossing of vessels crew members is allowed, in order to ensure the provision of maritime transport services and fishing activities.

By Order INT/356/2020, of April 20, which extends the criteria for the application of a temporary restriction on non-essential travel from third countries to the European



Union and associated Schengen countries for reasons of public order and health public on the occasion of the health crisis caused by COVID-19

In order to ensure the provision of maritime transport services and regardless of their nationality, the seafarer status accrediting documentation is determined, in order to facilitate the crossing of borders and their circulation through Spanish territory. Also the access to tourist accommodation by the time needed is granted, when it is necessary to comply with the crew rest periods provided or for the crew to travel to or from the Spanish port where the ship is located.

By the Order of April 28th, 2020, which establishes the documentation with which the crews of the ships can demonstrate their condition to facilitate their circulation, in order to ensure the provision of maritime transport services, on the occasion of the health crisis situation caused by COVID-19

#### F) Recreational boating.

- Sports and leisure activities have been suspended, as provided in article 10.3 of Royal Decree 463/2020, of March 14, which in its annex expressly mentions the "nautical exhibitions and tests". Consequently, all activities related to regattas or nautical tests and exhibitions are prohibited.
- Private recreational navigation is not allowed as a result of the prohibition of movement on public use pathways to carry out this activity, except for an exclusively professional matter. Consequently, departures with pleasure boats will be avoided while the declared state of alarm remains.
- Without prejudice to the application of article 7 of Royal Decree 463/2020, of March 14, on the limitation of the freedom of movement of persons, the period of validity of the following titles is extended, in the event that it ends its validity during the declared alarm state:
  - a) The nautical certificates that qualify for the government of pleasure boats and jet skis
  - b) The authorizations to navigate during the applications processing to obtain nautical certificates that enable the government of pleasure boats and jet skis
  - c) The seaworthiness recreational boats certificates.
  - d) Pleasure boats certificates and documents
- The carrying out of inspections and surveys of recreational vessels and boats by the Maritime Administration is suspended, except for those inspections and surveys arising from emergency situations that pose a risk to maritime safety or the protection of the marine environment.



- Time dispatches periods of boats and pleasure vessels validity is extended

By Order TMA/258/2020, of March 19.

**G) Maritime training:**

Distance and "on-line" maritime theory training is authorized, during the alarm state period.

Distance and on-line Maritime training can only be done to perform the theoretical part of the approved courses. This training must meet all the requirements and conditions taken into account in the homologation of each of the courses, in terms of schedule, agenda, training aid and other requirements. Likewise, the guidelines of section B-I / 6 of Part B of the STCW Code will be taken into account as far as possible.

By Resolution of April 13th, 2020, of the General Directorate of the Merchant Marine, which authorizes the distance and online theory maritime training during the validity of the state of alarm for the management of the situation of health crisis caused by COVID-19.

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