



## 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:** June the 5<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.



- g)** The training centers homologation validity period is extended, during and after the end of the state of alarm, provided that the center has requested the corresponding extension.

By Order TMA/258/2020, March 19th, and the Resolution from April 21st, from the Navy Social Institute.

- 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 19th.

- C)** Inspections and surveys of the Maritime Administration, both for national ships and foreign ships in Spanish ports.

The gradual reactivation of the inspections of the maritime administration is established, based on the de-escalation phases to return to normality, for the carrying out of the following inspection activities:

- In the scope of the Regulation of inspection and certification of civil ships, approved by Royal Decree 1837/2000, of November 10.
- In the scope of the Regulation for the inspections of foreign ships in Spanish ports, approved by Royal Decree 1737/2010, of December 23.

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

- D)** Restricciones y condiciones para el embarque y desembarque de pasajeros.

**Designated entry points.**

The following ports are designated for the entry into Spain of ro-ro passenger ships and passenger ships that provide regular line services that start in any port located outside Spanish territory with passengers other than the goods lorry drivers: Barcelona, Bilbao, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Malaga, Palma de Mallorca, Tenerife, Valencia, Vigo, Santander, Alicante and Motril.

By Order TMA /410/2020, of May 14th.



## **Italy.**

Order TMA/330/2020, April 8th, which extends the ban on the entry of passenger ships from the Italian Republic is repealed, without prejudice to the application of orders INT/409/2020, May 14th, and SND/439/2020, May 23rd, on the crossing of borders,

By Order TMA /419/2020, May 18th.

## **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 circumstances that justify a new order.

The Ministry of Health may exceptionally lift the planned restrictions, which must be authorized. In any case, all the necessary sanitary control measures will be adopted to avoid posing a risk to the population.

By Order TMA /419/2020, May 18th.

## **Balearic Islands.**

It is currently allowed:

1. Boarding of passengers and vehicles on ships that provide regular inter-island services.

The Autonomous Community of the Balearic Islands is empowered to establish the conditions for the provision of these services and to modify the number of frequencies.

2. The disembarkation of passengers and vehicles from passenger ships that provide regular services on the maritime lines between the peninsula and the Autonomous Community of the Balearic Islands.

By Order TMA/400/2020, May 9th.

## **Canary Islands.**

Boarding and disembarking of passengers and vehicles is permitted on passenger ships that provide regular services on the maritime lines between the peninsula and the Autonomous Community of the Canary Islands, provided that such movements are contemplated in article 7 of Royal Decree 463/2020, of March 14, declaring the state of alarm for the management of the health crisis situation caused by COVID-19, as well as in the ministerial orders that develop it.

By Order TMA/400/2020, May 9th, and Order SND/487/2020, June 1st.



## **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.**

The prohibition of the disembarkation in the port of Melilla of passengers from ro-ro passenger ships and passenger ships that provide regular line services between the peninsula and Melilla is maintained, with the following exceptions:

- a) The truck drivers.
- b) Fifty passengers for each ship, provided that their trip is included in the cases of movement of people allowed by article 7.1 of Royal Decree 463/2020, of March 14, as well as by the regulations that develop it.
- c) People who have specific authorization from the head of the Government Delegation in Melilla based on the unavoidable need to carry out the trip.

By Order SND/487/2020, June 1st.

## **Sanitary measures for passengers**

The use of masks that cover the nose and mouth will be mandatory for all users of maritime transport. In the case of passengers on ships and boats, the use of masks will not be necessary when they are inside their cabin.

By Order TMA /384/2020, May 3th.

From May 15, 2020, people from abroad must quarantine the 14 days following their arrival. Cross-border workers, transporters and crews, as well as health professionals who are going to carry out their work, are exempt from these measures, provided they have not been in contact with people diagnosed with COVID-19.

By Order SND/403/2020, May 11th.



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

Ships crew members are allowed to cross internal land, air and sea borders and Schengen borders in order to ensure the provision of maritime transport services and fishing activity.

By Order SND/439/2020, May 23rd and Order INT/409/2020, May 14th.

The seafarer status accrediting documentation is determined regardless of their nationality, in order to facilitate the crossing of borders and their movement through Spanish territory, in order to ensure the provision of maritime transport services, as well as access by the time necessary to a tourist accommodation from those declared as essential services, when necessary, to comply with the rest periods provided for the crew or to carry out the crew's movements to or from the Spanish port where the ship is located.

By Order TMA/374/2020, April 28th.

#### **F) Recreational boating.**

- Foreign boats or recreational vessels that do not have their home port of stay in Spain will not be allowed to enter any Spanish port. Ships and vessels that only have professional crews on board are exempt from this restriction.
- The Ministry of Health may exceptionally lift the above restrictions, which must be authorized. In any case, all the necessary sanitary control measures will be adopted to avoid posing a risk to the population.
- Boats, vessels or recreational appliances may be transferred to shipyard facilities, dry docks, repair shops or alike installations to carry out maintenance or repair works, or for sale purposes.

By Order TMA/419/2020, May 18th.

- The measures for the progressive use of recreational boats are determined.

By Order SND/487/2020, June 1st.

- 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 their effective during declared alarm state:
  - a) The certificates that enable the government of pleasure boats and jet skis, issued under Royal Decree 875/2014.



- b) The authorizations to navigate during the processing of the applications to obtain nautical certificates that enable the government of pleasure boats and jet skis.
  - c) The recreational boats seaworthiness certificates provided in accordance with the Royal Decree 1434/1999.
  - d) The pleasure boats certificates provided in accordance with the Royal Decree 804/2014.
  - e) The Spanish registry certificates for navigation provided in accordance with Royal Decree 1435/2010.
- 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.
  - The period of validity of dispatches by time of boats and pleasure vessels is extended.

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

### **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.

On-line evaluation for obtaining professional certificates as "Patrón de Altura, Patrón de Litoral, Mecánico Mayor Naval, Mecánico Naval, Piloto de Segunda, Oficial de Máquinas de Segunda, Oficial Radioelectrónico de Segunda y Oficial Electrotécnico de la Marina Mercante" is authorized, during the validity of the state of alarm, declared by Royal Decree 463/2020, of March 14.

By Resolution of 19th of May, 2020 of the Merchant Marine General Directorate.

### **H) Ballast Water Convention**

National ships operating in waters under the jurisdiction of other Parties of the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ship Ballast Water and



Sediments, 2004, as amended by Resolution MEPC.297 (72), that must to apply with rule D-2 of this Agreement during the year 2020, a resolution may be issued certifying the extension of the deadline on the date provided in regulation B-3 of that Agreement.

By Order TMA/419/2020, May 18th.

**I) Tourist passenger transport.**

Conditions for the navigation of ships and boats dedicated to tourist transport of passengers, that are not cruise-type passenger ships, are established.

By Order SND/487/2020, June 1st.

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