

Department of Maritime Economy

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**UPDATE ON EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES TAKEN BY POLAND
RESULTING FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
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A person crossing the border of the Republic of Poland, constituting an external border within the meaning of Art. 2 point 2 of Regulation (EU) 2016/399 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on a Union Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code), with some exceptions, in order to go to his/her place of residence or stay in the territory of the Republic of Poland, is obliged to:

- present a negative result of the SARS-CoV-2 diagnostic test in Polish or in English to the Border Guard officer before crossing the border, within 24 hours from the moment of the test result
- undergo a 7-day quarantine, if the result of the SARS-CoV-2 diagnostic test was positive.
- hand over to a Border Guard officer information about:
 - a) the address of the place of residence or stay where he/she will be subject to compulsory quarantine,
 - b) telephone number for direct contact with that person.

A person crossing the sea section of the border of the Republic of Poland by a regular ferry connection and the land section of the border of the Republic of Poland with the Czech Republic, the Republic of Lithuania, the Federal Republic of Germany or the Slovak Republic, regardless of the means of transport he/she uses, or on foot, with some exceptions, in order to go to its place of residence or stay in the territory of the Republic of Poland or for other purposes, is obliged to:

- present a negative result of the SARS-CoV-2 diagnostic test in Polish or in English to the Border Guard officer before crossing the border, within 48 hours from the moment of the test result
- undergo a 7-day quarantine, if the result of the SARS-CoV-2 diagnostic test was positive.
- hand over to a Border Guard officer information about:
 - a) the address of the place of residence or stay where he/she will be subject to compulsory quarantine,
 - b) telephone number for direct contact with that person.

The above regulations do not apply in the case of crossing the border of the Republic of Poland in the performance of professional activities inter alia by:

- fishermen within the meaning of art. 2 point 9 of the Act of 11 September 2019 on work on board fishing vessels (Journal of Laws, item 2197) or seafarers within the meaning of Art. 2 point 3 of the Act of August 5, 2015 on work at sea (Journal of Laws of 2020, item 1353 and of 2021, item 1653), including seafarers employed under the terms of art. 46 or art. 108 of this act, as well as:

a) seamen or fishermen going to the port, also by means of transport other than the ship, in order to take up employment on the ship, or returning to their place of residence, also by means of transport other than the ship, after termination of employment on the ship - also in transit through the territory of the Republic of Poland,

b) persons performing work or providing services on ships or on offshore production and drilling platforms on other bases than a seafarer's employment agreement;

- crew members referred to in the Act of 21 December 2000 on inland navigation (Journal of Laws of 2020, item 1863 and of 2021, item 2490), including those returning from abroad by other means of transport than a ship, in order to take the rest referred to in the Act of 7 April 2017 on working time on inland waterway vessels (Journal of Laws, item 993);

- ship's crew within the meaning of the provisions on maritime safety.

The obligation to undergo 7-days quarantine does not apply in the case of crossing the border of the Republic of Poland by persons sailing on recreational crafts between the ports of the European Union Member States and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) Member States - parties to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, without calling at ports of third countries.

The current rules and restriction regarding the SAR-CoV-2 pandemic could be found on website: <https://www.gov.pl/web/coronavirus>.

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Yours faithfully,

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