



NOTICE TO MARINERS

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Port of Southampton – Restrictions on shore leave from visiting ships

All visiting ships are reminded that due to levels of COVID 19 infection, the UK remains in national lockdown. All crew shore leave should be restricted to essential reasons only in line with UK government advice. In addition, all ship's crew on vessels bound from Portugal should remain onboard until their 10-day quarantine period has passed.

On 15th January 2021 a ban on travel to the UK from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Cape Verde, and Portugal, came into place until further notice.

On 15th January 2021, visitors due to arrive into the UK who have departed from or transited through Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, French Guiana, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, Venezuela, Cape Verde, Panama, or Portugal in the last 10 days will not be permitted entry. This is regardless of whether the person has arrived directly or indirectly.

In the context of the above restrictions, we have been advised that Seafarers are not exempt from the above regulations.

However, if crew need to undertake essential technical checks or similar (such as checking draught marks) they would be permitted to step ashore to complete these tasks.

Further advice and guidance can be found using the following links:

Travel Advice <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>

Guidance is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-requirements-to-provide-public-health-information-to-passengers-travelling-to-england>

**Vessel Traffic Services Centre
Ocean Gate, Atlantic Way
Southampton**

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