

SHIPPING AGENTS MEMO**04-2022****DATE: 11 May 2022****SUBJECT: Fremantle Ports - Shore Leave for International Seafarers at the Port of Fremantle**

Western Australia's (WA) border controls have been reviewed and travel from interstate and overseas is now permitted. New Directions relevant to the maritime industry include Maritime Crew Member Directions (No.9) and the COVID Transition (Interstate and International Border) Directions (dated 28 April 2022).

The above two (2) directions and a summarising information sheet are available at the below links

https://www.wa.gov.au/system/files/2022-05/Maritime_Crew_Member_Directions_No_9.pdf

<https://www.wa.gov.au/system/files/2022-04/20220428-COVID-Transition-International-Border-Directions.pdf>

<https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/~media/Corp/Documents/Health-for/Infectious-disease/COVID19/COVID-Transition-information-for-the-maritime-industry.pdf>

As a result of the Western Australia border reopening on 3 March 2022 a list of directions issued under the WA Emergency Management Act have now been revoked. A complete list of directions that have been revoked is available at the below link

<https://www.wa.gov.au/system/files/2022-03/COVID-Border-Opening-Consequential-Revocations-Directions.pdf>

The notable directions revoked, among others are:

- Exposed On-Board Worker Directions (No 5)
- Transport and Accommodation Services (Exposed Maritime Worker) Directions (No 4)
- Rig or Platform Crew Member Directions (No 5)

Shore leave for vaccinated International seafarers is now permitted at the Port of Fremantle, subject to the below conditions.

- Vessel has been granted Pratique and crew have been granted maritime crew visa (MCV)
- All crew seeking to avail of shore leave MUST have received a full course of an approved COVID-19 vaccination. This means a full course of a vaccine approved or recognised by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA). Further information is available at the below link
<https://www.tga.gov.au/international-covid-19-vaccines-recognised-australia>
- The vaccinated seafarers must be in possession of a valid vaccination certificate, a copy of which must be carried in person by the seafarer availing shore leave. Foreign vaccination certificates must have an English translation
<https://www.passports.gov.au/guidance-foreign-vaccination-certificates>
- There are no active COVID-19 cases on board the vessel

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- The seafarers requesting shore leave are not displaying COVID-19 symptoms. Symptoms means any one of more of the following
 - a fever of 37.5 degrees or above; or
 - a recent history of fever; or
 - symptoms of acute respiratory infection (including, but without limitation, shortness of breath, a cough or sore throat); or
 - a loss of smell or taste.

It is the vessel Master's responsibility to ensure that the seafarers availing shore leave **MUST** be in compliance with all the above requirements. A crew list of all seafarers along with their valid vaccination certificates must be sent to the security centre / gate administering the security access control for the respective terminal.

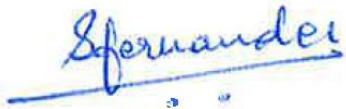
Shore leave from non-FPA terminals is subject to the security procedures and COVID-19 precautions at each terminal.

Shore leave is NOT PERMITTED for unvaccinated or partially vaccinated International seafarers

Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated International seafarers may only disembark a vessel to travel to a quarantine centre, or to an airport to leave WA, or to immediately board another vessel at the same port, or to carry out port activities, or to receive medical or dental treatment. Conditions for disembarkation of unvaccinated seafarers are set out in the Maritime Crew Directions No.9

Any queries regarding the above process may be submitted to the email address:

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