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Notice to Shipping 09

PROCEDURE FOR SHIPPING COMMUNITY ICW COVID-19

To

: Ship owners, Ship's operators and agencies, Masters, RO's,

Marines and Yachts Association/Operators.

Applicable to

: Advice to Shipping Community on COVID-19

Effective as from

: 17 March 2020

The government of Curacao has raised its public health threat level to HIGH and has closed the borders for flights coming in from Europe, the Americas and any other region where community transmission has been established.

Persons who arrive in Curacao from an area where there is active community transmission of **Covid-19**, within the last 14 days, should advise Public Health immediately if they have a cough, or fever or shortness of breath. Public health officials are reminding visitors, if they have symptoms suggestive of respiratory illness, to stay home and contact their family doctor for medical advice and share their travel history with their healthcare provider, even if arriving from countries where fewer cases have occurred.

The Maritime Authorities of Curacao (MAC) further to the general precaution measures published by the government of Curacao in connection with the Covid-19 and starting on Monday, march 16 of 2020, of which we attach to this notice, in close collaboration with the Ministries of Health, Justice, Traffic-Transport and Urban Planning, Financial (Customs) and Harbor Master has issued the following advisory on Covid-19 general immigration and customs procedures already in place and updated arrival procedures for Ships, yachts and small vessels which already are being implemented.

The information as follows will be updated as necessary as new guidelines from the Government of Curacao are updated and published:





MINISTERIE VAN VERKEER, VERVOER EN RUIMTELIJKE PLANNING SECTOR VERKEER EN VERVOER Maritieme Autoriteit Curação

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All maritime traffic is prohibited to enter our country with the exception of large commercial shipping (cargo ships)

- arriving with cargo for the island of Curacao,
- for bunker operations
- for the dry dock repair yard

Mentioned ships will be accepted only at the following locations:

- Willemstad (St. Anna baai)
- Fuikbaai
- Caracas baai
- Boca St. Michiel
- Bullenbaai

The master must ensure that no crew goes ashore for any reason (No shore pass). A person who contravenes, fails or refuses to comply with any of the preceding section, shall be deemed to be a prohibited alien and may be dealt with as such.

Yachting Community

No entry will be granted under any circumstance to any vessel after March 17th of 2020.

Local commercial vessels

All vessels engaged in commercial shipping, local or international are forbidden to undertake a voyage from any port of Curacao, except for stores, provision, fresh water and bunker delivery off port with specific permission of the Harbor Master. Bear in mind that no crew change shall be allowed in any circumstance.

The Head of the Shipping Inspectorate in Curacao

On his behalf

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PRECAUTION MEASURES

STARTING MONDAY, MARCH 16 2020

1. Incoming flights:

- All commercial flights are canceled with the exception of flights carrying local residents in the possession of a valid retour-ticket, and a sédula.
- Authorized specialists, freight and medical services between Aruba, Bonaire, Sint Maarten, St. Eustatius & Saba are exceptions to the rules.
- All returning residents are obliged to spend 14 days in quarantine. This needs to take place at home, as long as this is possible.

2. Departing flights:

Only non-residents are allowed to travel. Residents are not allowed to travel abroad.

3. Maritime traffic:

All maritime traffic is prohibited to enter our country with the exception of certain cases such as the transportation of fuel, ships for repair, freight, etc. The local authorities have been informed of this list and will do the necessary checks..

4. All public, social, cultural, sport, and religious activities are cancelled until further notice. All permits for events that have previously been issued are hereby recalled.

In case of a funeral only family is allowed to attend, with a maximum of 10 people together in the same

5. With reference to work:

Work as much as possible from home, under the condition that this is in consultation with the direct head of department or employer.

People working in critical functions such as maintenance of public order, public hygiene and care, must consult with their superiors to be able to continue working.

- Everyone must stay home as much as possible. If one has to leave the house, a 2 meter distance rule needs to be enforced. People are allowed to leave for the following:
- Those that work in critical functions.
- To shop in the supermarkets.
- To visit the bank and insurance companies.
- To visit refill stations for gas & gas stations.
- · For nature walks.
- · To go to the beach.
- To go to the pharmacy.

All schools, including private schools, universities and child day-care facilities must close.

7. All restaurants, snack bars and food & beverage service (including in hotels) are only allowed to provide food delivery or pick up services.

It is not allowed to sit, socialize or eat in these establishments. If this still takes place, it will be closed. More details will follow..

- Until further notice, it is not allowed to visit seniors in nursing homes, in order to protect this vulnerable group as much as possible.
- 9. When using Public transportation please adhere to the 2 meter distance rule and the rules for hygiene.
- After evaluation exceptions to all rules are possible.

