

COVID-19 GLOBAL PORT RESTRICTIONS

MALAYSIA



All Ports

Effective February 17, all respective companies must provide face masks, hand gloves and sanitizer to all personnel.

Effective March 2, documents (maritime declaration of health, voyage memo & crew list) must be submitted to Port Health officer within 48 to 72 hrs before vessel arrival.

Effective March 18, all customs service at seaports, airports and autogates will continue to operate with minimal personnel. However, operations in other parts of customs will continue to operate through online platforms.

All seafarers are now allowed to carry out crew change activities (sign-on & sign-off) in Malaysian port subject to a strict compliance to the procedures and authorities approval.

If the COVID-19 test result is POSITIVE or the crew is showing explicit virus symptoms, either during sign-on or sign-off process, the crew and his/her shipping company shall inform the Ministry of Health (MOH) through the nearest Port Health Office immediately upon receiving the result of the screening test.

The crew as above will be subjected to any further instructions from the MOH, and are NOT PERMITTED to:

- a) return home;
- b) move to the ship / port;
- c) move to any exit point;
- d) move from any entry point;
- e) transit at any area in Malaysia; and/or
- f) leave the screening test area.

The Company shall bear all costs including, the quarantine procedures, COVID-19 tests, follow-up treatment and other related logistics aspects borne by the crew in compliance to this procedures. The Letter of Undertaking (LoU) must be signed as an agreement to bear all the quarantine costs.



Sign Off

Sign-off application shall be made to Marine Department Malaysia (MARDEP) at least three (3) days before the ship enters the port of signing off.

All crew signing off at any Malaysia port are required to undergo a 14 days quarantine process at a quarantine centre determined by the Government and at least two (2) COVID-19 tests (1st day and 13th day).

If both of the COVID-19 tests are NEGATIVE, at the end of the quarantine period he/she shall be permitted to:

- a) to leave the quarantine center; and
- b) transferred towards the country exit point or to his/her residence.



Sign On

Sign-on application has to be made to MARDEP at least three (3) days before the arrival of the crew to Malaysia.

All crew signing on at any Malaysia port are required to undergo a 14 days quarantine process at a Quarantine Centre determined by the Government and at least two (2) COVID-19 tests (1st day and 13th day).



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- a) to leave the quarantine center; and
- b) transferred to board the ship.

Prior approval of the sign-on application by MARDEP, the shipping company/manning agency shall ensure that the crew:

- a) has no explicit symptoms of COVID-19 and medically fit.
- b) complete the MARDEP Health Declaration Form.
- c) obtain both of the COVID-19 negative test results recognized by the MOH.
- d) make a formal declaration as free from COVID-19 (foreign crew only)
- e) has undergone the 14 days quarantine.

The Government of Malaysia has imposed entry ban on citizens of 23 countries to curb the further spread of the Covid -19 pandemic. The list of the 23 countries as follows: USA, Brazil, India, Russia, Peru, Colombia, South Africa, Mexico, Spain, Argentina, Chile, Iran, United Kingdom, Bangladesh, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, France, Turkey, Italy, Germany, Iraq, Philippines, Indonesia.

Bintulu

- All visitors (foreign and domestic) coming into Sarawak and returning Sarawakians will be issued a 14 Day Stay Home Notice (SHN).
- Exemptions shall only be given by the State Health Department to those required to travel under special circumstances (official and business duties).

Johor (Pasir Gudang, Pengerang, Tanjung Pelepas, Tanjung Langsat)

Screening will be conducted at berth. Temporary stop for SIRE inspection on board vessel. If it is urgent and compulsory, it must be done at anchorage (SIRE inspector embark/disembark at anchorage).

Kuantan

Agent shall advise Medical Officer at least 48 hrs before arrival if vessel has a record visiting affected country within 14 days prior. The vessel will undergo screening process at the anchorage or berth.

The ship crews including those who have been screened will not be allowed to disembark without permission from the medical officer and authorities when vessel at berth. No ships crews sign on/off or shore leave through port entrance except with the permission of Medical Officer, Marine Department and other related authorities. Offshore personnel shall undergo temperature screening before being permitted to pass through port entrance.

Labuan

Refer to flow chart guideline Vessel with less than 14 days departure from affected country will be put on Status B (quarantine at berth) or status C (quarantine at anchorage). Ship shore leave will be suspended for vessels with status B & C.

Lumut

Screening will be conducted at berth. No shore leave will be given until further notice by Port Health.



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Prior ship's arrival, Port Health Officer will inspect the ship documents such as crew list, voyage memo, last place of crew joining, temperature log etc. If no red flags then the Port Health Officer will visit the vessel upon arrival for review and issue Free Pratique after he is satisfied. The cargo operation can begin after Free Pratique is obtained

Crew change is only allowed for vessel which is calling the port for cargo operations. This can be done at berth & anchorage.

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Penang

All vessels that have called affected country in last 14 days will be quarantined on their arrival at alongside. Effective 14 Dec 20, it was announced by Health Ministry's director-general that the quarantine period will be shortened from 14 days to 10 days .

Port Dickson

Screening will be conducted at anchorage.

Port Klang

All crew members are allowed to sign on and sign off at Port Klang after obtaining approval from authorities. Crew change will only be considered for vessel which are calling alongside the port for cargo operations and not at anchorage.

Crew nationalities of Ethiopian, Israel, Yemen, Congo, Syria, and Alien passport holders are not allowed.

If the Covid-19 test result is POSITIVE or if the crew is showing explicit virus symptoms, either during sign-on / sign-off process, the crew, the agent and the principal must inform the Ministry of Health through the nearest Port Health Office immediately upon crew's entry into Malaysia. Crew will be subjected to further instructions from the Ministry of Health and in addition, the crew is NOT PERMITTED to:

- move to the ship / port.
- move from any entry point; or
- transit any area in Malaysia.

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Sabah (Kota Kinabalu, Sipitang, Sandakan, Lahad Datu, Tawau)

Second lockdown has been implemented w.e.f Sept. 29, 2020 for the East Coast of Sabah inclusive of Lahad Datu, Kunak, Tawau and Semporna for a period of 14 days. Land

movement has been restricted and shops are closed due to escalating COVID19 pandemic cases.



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Sarawak (Bintulu & Tanjung Manis)

Effective March 27, all agents must key in the crew details for non-Sarawakian and other pre-arrival documents of the upcoming ships into the SDMC (State Disaster Management Committee) system for their approval. While waiting for approval from SDMC, vessel need to anchor at anchorage area. Port Health Officer will not board the vessel until SDMC approval granted.

The crew details should be keyed in 7 days before ship's arrival and applied for Bintulu, Samalaju, Miri, Tanjung Manis and Sibul port.

For Kuching, master must provide documents (ship particular, crew list, voyage memo, arrival notice, temperature list of crews and captain passport copy) 2 working days before arrival (not 7 days as per other Sarawak ports).

Effective April 6, all non-citizens that entering via air, sea and land are not allowed to transit in Sarawak.

