

# COVID-19 GLOBAL PORT RESTRICTIONS

## HONG KONG



### Restriction from Entering Hong Kong

**w.e.f. 05/01/2021, vessels which have visited United Kingdom (UK) or South Africa in the past 21 days will be prohibited from entering Hong Kong Waters.**

The Hong Kong SAR Government restricts non-Hong Kong residents who have visited the Hubei Province in the past 14 days upon arrival from entering Hong Kong since January 27, 2020.

With effect from March 25, 2020 0001Hrs LT, and until further notice:

- All non-Hong Kong residents coming from overseas country and other regions by plane will be denied entry to Hong Kong
- Non-Hong Kong residents coming from the Mainland, Macau and Taiwan will be denied entry to Hong Kong if they have been to any overseas countries and regions in the past 14 days.

With effect on June 01, 2020 0001Hrs LT, air transit/transfer services at Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) have resumed. Travellers can use HKIA for transit/transfer (i.e., flight transfers at airside only) on flights operated by different airlines under the same air ticket, provided that the travellers have checked through at the origin port with their boarding passes printed and baggage tagged-through to the destination. Travellers should also confirm in advance that they are able to enter the destination. However, the airside transit/transfer services at HKIA to and from all Mainland China destinations are currently not available. Airside transit/transfer MUST be within 24 hours.



### Compulsory Quarantine

Starting from February 8, 2020, the Department of Health (DH) will issue quarantine orders to all people entering Hong Kong from the Mainland, including Hong Kong residents, Mainland residents and visitors from other places. People concerned must stay at designated places (quarantine centre, home or other accommodation) for a 14-day compulsory quarantine. Apart from the exempted persons under the "Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong Regulation", people who have been to the Mainland in the past 14 days upon arrival at Hong Kong, even if they enter Hong Kong via other places, are also covered. They should not have any symptoms and should have passed temperature checks upon entry. Those with symptoms will be referred to the DH for further handling. Arrivals holding a visa with validity of less than 14 days will be denied entry.

With effect from March 25, 2020 0001Hrs LT, and until further notice:

- All travellers coming from Macau and Taiwan, including Hong Kong and non-Hong Kong residents, will be subject to a 14-day compulsory quarantine, which is the same as the arrangements for people entering Hong Kong from the Mainland.



### Cargo Ships calling to Hong Kong

The Department of Health requires all crew members on board cargo vessel entering Hong Kong to arrange "medical surveillance" during their stay in Hong Kong (except crew individuals who visited Hubei Province, China in the past 14 days). "Medical surveillance" refer to the following:

- Wear a surgical mask during work and if need to go out
- Pay attention to your health condition and take body temperature daily. If you feel unwell, please inform your agent or call Department of Health at 852-2125 1999 or 2125 1122.
- Agree to be interviewed by Department of health regarding your health condition.



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The Hong Kong government announced that the current crew changes policy will be tightened with effect July 29. Please note the following:

- w.e.f 29/7 0001lt, vessels calling Hong Kong without cargo operations are not allowed to carry out crew changes.
- w.e.f 29/7 0001lt, vessels calling Hong Kong without cargo operations (i.e., including those for bunkering, supplies, repairs, S+P Delivery etc.), all crew onboard are required to carry out 14 days quarantine in port prior vessel's departure.
- w.e.f. 29/07 0001lt, vessels calling Hong Kong for cargo operations may apply for crew changes. In addition to the current PCR test certification requirement, 72 hours pre-arrival application (with crew changes details) is required for pre-approval from port authority. Point to point transfer between airport/vsl or vice versa is required, no hotel accommodation allowed.

*Note that the port authority basically defines "Cargo Operations" as a cargo vessel and with full cargo manifest, Shipping Order (SO) and Bill of Lading, etc as supporting. Handling of ship's spare parts does not construe as "cargo operations".*

Based on the above, crew change for vessels calling Hong Kong with cargo operations will need to comply with the following:

- shipping companies/agents shall submit the Estimated Time of Arrival (ETA) and Estimated Time of Departure (ETD) of vessel together with the details of the sign-on and sign-off crew to be changed (including their names and flight schedules) 72 hours prior arrival of the vessel for the Marine Department (MarDep)'s approval;
- In-coming (Sign-on) crew members should only arrive Hong Kong when their vessels are berthed in Hong Kong and should get onboard immediately upon arrival;
- Out-going (Sign-off) crew members who have completed their service on-board should stay onboard the vessel during their stay in Hong Kong and travel directly to the airport for repatriation to their home countries. Vessel is NOT allowed to sail until all off signers' flight have departed Hong Kong.

