



KINGDOM OF SPAIN

MEASURES TO MINIMIZE THE EFFECTS OF THE HEALTH CRISIS CAUSED BY COVID-19 IN THE FIELD OF THE MERCHANT NAVY.

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In Spain, Royal Decree 463/2020, of March 14, has declared a state of alarm for the management of the health crisis situation caused by COVID-19. The measures adopted also affect maritime transport and maritime navigation, either directly or by ministerial orders issued later.

The measures adopted in the field of maritime navigation planning are the following:

TO) Extension of the term of validity of the titles, certificates and cards whose validity ends during the validity of the state of alarm.

Titles that have their validity extended:

- to) Professional cards and certificates issued for seafarers, provided for in the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW) and in the national regulations on maritime training.
 - b) Certificates and documents issued for ships governed by the international instruments of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the International Labor Organization (ILO) and the European Union.
 - c) Certificates and documents issued for ships and boats that provide services, under national regulations.
 - d) Maritime training certificates issued to seafarers, provided for in the STCW Convention and health regulations, for a maximum period of six months from expiration.
- and) Certificates of review of the first aid kits on board ships, provided for in the international and national regulations of the ILO, for a maximum period of six months from the expiration date.



- f) Medical certificates of aptitude issued to seafarers, in accordance with the STCW Convention and national regulations, for a maximum period of six months from the expiration date.
- g) The validity period of the approvals of centers and training courses is extended, during and after the end of the state of alarm, provided that the center has requested the corresponding extension.

By Order TMA / 258/2020, of March 19, and by Resolution of April 21, 2020, of the Social Institute of the Navy.

B) Extension of the validity period of the dispatches by time, and enrollment and disenrollment. By Order TMA / 258/2020, of March 19.

C) Inspections and surveys of the Maritime Administration, both to national ships and foreign ships in Spanish ports.

The gradual reactivation of the inspections of the maritime administration is established, depending on the de-escalation phases for the return to normality, to carry out the following inspection activities:

- Within the scope of the Civil Vessel Inspection and Certification Regulations, approved by Royal Decree 1837/2000, of November 10.
- Within the scope of the Regulation that regulates the inspections of foreign ships in Spanish ports, approved by Royal Decree 1737/2010, of December 23.

By Order TMA / 258/2020, of March 19.

D) Restrictions and conditions for boarding and disembarking passengers.

Designated entry points.

The following ports are designated for the entry in Spain of ro-ro passenger ships and passenger ships that provide regular line service originating in any port located outside of Spanish territory with passengers other than the drivers of the tractor units of the rolled merchandise: Barcelona, Bilbao, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Malaga, Palma de Mallorca, Tenerife, Valencia, Vigo, Santander, Alicante and Motril.

By Order TMA / 410/2020, of May 14.



Italy.

Without prejudice to the application of orders INT / 409/2020, of May 14, and SND / 439/2020, of May 23, on border crossing, Order TMA / 330/2020, of May 8, is repealed. April, which extends the ban on the entry of passenger ships from the Italian Republic.

By Order TMA / 419/2020, of May 18.

Cruise-type passenger ships.

Cruise-type passenger ships from any port are prohibited from entering Spanish ports from 00:00 hours on March 13, 2020 until the end of the state of alarm or until there are circumstances that justify a new order.

The Ministry of Health may exceptionally lift the restrictions provided, which must be authorized. In any case, all the necessary sanitary control measures will be adopted to avoid posing a risk to the population.

By Order TMA / 419/2020, of May 18.

Balearic Islands.

Currently it is allowed:

1. The boarding of passengers and vehicles on ships that provide regular inter-island services.

The Autonomous Community of Illes Balears is empowered to establish the conditions for the provision of these services and to modify the number of frequencies.

2. The disembarkation of passengers and vehicles of passenger ships that provide regular services on maritime lines between the peninsula and the Autonomous Community of the Balearic Islands.

By Order TMA / 400/2020, of May 9.

Canary Islands.

The embarkation and disembarkation of passengers and vehicles is allowed on passenger ships that provide regular services on maritime lines between the peninsula and the Autonomous Community of the Canary Islands, provided that such movements are contemplated in article 7 of Royal Decree 463/2020, of March 14, which declares the state of alarm for the management of the health crisis caused by COVID-19, as well as in the ministerial orders that develop it.



By Order TMA / 400/2020, of May 9, and Order SND / 487/2020, of June 1.

Ceuta.

- From 00:00 hours on March 17, 2020, the disembarkation in the port of Ceuta of passengers embarked on ro-ro passenger ships and passenger ships that provide regular line service between the peninsula and Ceuta is prohibited.
- The entry into the port of Ceuta of vessels that are not passenger, cargo or fishing from any port that, due to their number of people on board, including the crew, pose a risk to the health and safety of citizens, may be prohibited by the Government Delegate in Ceuta.

By Order TMA / 241/2020, of March 16, which establishes the transport measures to apply to the connections between the peninsula and the City of Ceuta.

Melilla.

The prohibition of disembarkation in the port of Melilla of passengers of ro-ro passenger ships and passenger ships that provide regular line service between the peninsula and Melilla is maintained, with the following exceptions:

- a) The drivers of the tractor units of the rolled merchandise.
- b) Fifty passengers for each ship, as long as their trip falls within the cases of movement of people allowed by article 7.1 of Royal Decree 463/2020, of March 14, as well as by the regulations that develop it.
- c) People who have a specific authorization from the head of the Government Delegation in Melilla based on the urgent need to make the trip.

By Order SND / 487/2020, of June 1.

Sanitary measures for passengers

The use of masks that cover the nose and mouth will be mandatory for all users of maritime transport. In the case of passengers on ships and boats, it will not be necessary to wear masks when they are inside their cabin.

By Order TMA / 384/2020, of May 3.

From May 15, 2020, people from abroad must be quarantined for 14 days after arrival. Cross-border workers, carriers and crews, as well as health professionals who are going to carry out their work activity, are exempted from these measures, provided they have not been in contact with people diagnosed with COVID-19.

By Order SND / 403/2020, of May 11.

AND) Facilitation of the transit of seafarers.

The crossing of internal land, air and sea borders and Schengen borders of the crew of the ships is allowed, in order to ensure the provision of maritime transport services and fishing activity.

By Order SND / 439/2020, of May 23, and Order INT / 409/2020, of May 14.

The documentation accrediting the status of seafarer is determined regardless of their nationality, in order to facilitate the crossing of borders and their circulation through the Spanish territory, in order to ensure the provision of maritime transport services, as well as access by the time essential to tourist accommodation declared essential service, when necessary to comply with the rest periods provided for the crew or to travel the crew to or from the Spanish port where the ship is located.

By Order TMA / 374/2020, of April 28, 2020.

F) Recreational boating.

- Foreign vessels or pleasure boats that do not have their port of stay in Spain will not be allowed to enter any Spanish port. Ships and boats that only have professional crew on board are exempt from this restriction.
- The Ministry of Health may exceptionally lift the restrictions provided, which must be authorized. In any case, all the necessary sanitary control measures will be adopted to avoid posing a risk to the population.
- Shipments, boats or recreational devices may be transferred to shipyard facilities, dry docks, repair shops or similar to carry out maintenance or repair work, or for sale and purchase reasons.

By Order TMA / 419/2020, of May 18.

- Measures are determined for the progressive use of pleasure boats. By Order SND / 487/2020, of June 1.
- Without prejudice to the application of article 7 of Royal Decree 463/2020, of March 14, on the limitation of the freedom of movement of people, it is extended

the period of validity of the following titles, in the event that their validity ends during the declared state of alarm:

- a) The nautical titles that enable the government of pleasure boats and jet skis, issued by virtue of Royal Decree 875/2014.
 - b) The authorizations to navigate during the processing of the files of the applications of the nautical titles that qualify for the government of the pleasure boats and the nautical motorcycles.
 - c) The navigability certificates of pleasure boats provided for in Royal Decree 1434/1999.
 - d) The certificates and documents of the pleasure vessels provided for in Royal Decree 804/2014.
- and) The Spanish registration-navigation permit certificates provided for in Royal Decree 1435/2010.
- Inspections and surveys of vessels and pleasure boats by the Maritime Administration are suspended, except for those inspections and surveys that arise from emergency situations that pose a risk to maritime safety or the protection of the marine environment.
 - The term of validity of the time dispatches of the boats and pleasure vessels is extended.

By Order TMA / 258/2020, of March 19.

G) Scope of maritime training:

Theoretical maritime training is authorized in remote and on-line modalities, during the validity of the state of alarm.

Maritime training in distance and on-line modalities can only be carried out from the theoretical part of the approved courses. This training must meet all the requirements and conditions taken into account in the approval of each of the courses, in terms of schedule, syllabus, training aids and other requirements. In addition, the guidance in section BI / 6 of Part B of the STCW Code will be taken into account as far as possible.

By the Resolution of April 13, 2020, of the General Directorate of the Merchant Marine.

The remote evaluation by telematic means of the suitability tests to obtain the Height Pattern, Coastline Pattern, Major Mechanic is authorized



Naval, Naval Mechanic, Second-hand Pilot, Second-class Engine Officer, Second-class Radioelectronic Officer and Electrotechnical Officer of the Merchant Navy, whenever possible during the validity of the alarm state, declared by Royal Decree 463/2020, of 14 of March.

By the Resolution of May 19, 2020, of the General Directorate of the Merchant Marine.

H) Ballast water agreement.

To national vessels operating in waters under the jurisdiction of other Parties to the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004, as amended by Resolution MEPC.297 (72), and must give application during the year 2020 to regulation D-2 of this Agreement, a resolution may be issued certifying the extension of the term over the date provided in regulation B-3 of the same Agreement for compliance.

By Order TMA / 419/2020, of May 18.

I) Tourist transport of passengers.

The conditions are established for the navigation of ships and boats dedicated to the tourist transport of passengers, other than cruise-type passenger ships, may navigate and anchor in the adjacent waters of said territories.

By Order SND / 487/2020, of June 1.

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