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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR CREW CHANGE IN GHANA

Due to the Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic, new protocols must be followed to allow crew changes to take place. In all instances please contact OMA Ghana for further information.

CREW DISEMBARKING

Please provide the following documents for application to Immigration, the Harbour Master, the Head of Health Services at the Ghana Ports & Harbours Authority (GPHA) and Ghana Maritime Authority (GMA):

- Crew lists for disembarkation.
- Passports
- Seaman books
- Flight details

These must reach us 5-7 days prior to the vessel's arrival

Vessels requiring medical attention for crew members must notify OMA Ghana 3 - 4 days prior to arrival. This is excepted in cases of emergency.

Port Health will carry out 1st Stage screening on vessels intending to berth upon arrival and grant FREE PRATIQUE.

All crew are expected to remain on board until cargo work is completed for the vessel to depart. There will be no permits issued for shore leave.

All disembarking crew will be screened by Port Health services.

All passengers/crew leaving Ghana will be required to take a Covid-19 PCR test 72 hours prior to departure and present a negative test result - or verification - to Port Health officials at the airport before being allowed to complete departure formalities.

Please Note that all crew remaining in Ghana will be cleared for entry into the community based on negative test results. If the tests outcomes are positive the following COVID-19 protocols will be initiated:

- The individual must Isolate for further clinical assessment and treatment.
- A new test will be carried out after 14 days for discharge if negative.

CREW EMBARKING

Please provide the following documents for application to Immigration, the Harbour Master, the Head of Health Services at the Ghana Ports & Harbours Authority (GPHA) and Ghana Maritime Authority (GMA):

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Please note that Embarkation will be facilitated after the following COVID- 19 protocols are met at Accra International Airport (ACC):

- All arriving passengers must not have any symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 including body temperature >38°C.
- They must be in possession of a COVID-19 negative PCR test result from an accredited laboratory in the country of origin. The test should have been done not more than 72 hours before the scheduled departure time from the country of origin.
- For passengers who transit through other countries before arriving in Ghana, the first country of departure will be the reference point.
- For passengers who depart Ghana and return within one (1) week, the passengers will not be required to present a COVID-19 test result from the country of departure.
- A negative COVID-19 test from Ghana used on departure will serve as evidence of meeting the COVID-19 test criteria for arriving in Ghana.
- In addition, all persons must be wearing face mask appropriately upon arrival (extending from the middle of the nasal bridge to halfway between the chin and the neck).
- All passengers will be subjected to a mandatory COVID-19 test at the airport terminal at the cost to the passenger.
- All persons testing positive will receive further clinical assessment and treatment.
- All persons testing negative will be advised to continue to observe COVID-19 safety precautions following arrival in Ghana.

