

Crew Change in Taiwan

Dear Club:

This is an update of rules for crew change according to the latest order issued by the Taiwan CDC on 18 August 2020.

Due to Covid-19 pandemic, crew have been prohibited from landing/entering Taiwan, unless there is a critical situation for which special entry permission needs to be obtained from CDC. However the latest development has allowed Taiwanese crew, foreign crew on board FOC vessels that belong to Taiwanese shipowners or ship delivery personnel (ships of P.R.C. flag and crew with PRC nationality excluded). Those crew may choose either to self-quarantine in a quarantine hotel for 14 days after disembarkation from ship; or alternatively they can conduct PCR at their own costs. The latter is aimed to shorten the waiting/quarantine time and lessen burden that the local shipowners have been facing during the current tough time.

In the event of choosing to conduct PCR, the agent should submit a ticket with flight departing within 3 days of disembarkation; contact CDC who will advise and arrange which institute the crew should go to conduct PCR. Once the PCR result is available (which will be available in one working day) and negative, the agent should carry the PCR result to port bureau. The port bureau shall issue a certificate confirming that the crew has been PCR tested with negative result. Once the certificate is issued the agent can ask the immigration office to lift travel ban on the crew. This alternative shall shorten the waiting time from 14 days to 3 days.

If you need further information, please feel free to let us know.

Best Regards,

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