



**To: P&I Clubs and Shipowners**

**Re: Update - COVID-19, Ukraine**

Shipowners and Clubs will be aware of the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak and its consequences in Ukraine as country who supply significant number of seafarers on international fleet. Please be advised our update concerning to the situation with COVID-19 in Ukraine:

**1. Situation with vaccination of seafarers.**

Based on our discussions with several reputable medical facilities and PEME accredited clinics in Ukraine we can make a conclusion that now Ukraine is not offering COVID-19 vaccines to Ukrainian marine personnel which are employed on the international fleet.

Negotiations for purchasing the vaccine still in progress between Ukrainian Government and vaccine manufacturers. Moreover, under Ukrainian Law purchasing vaccine should be duly certified and approved as pharmacological medicine at The Ministry of Health of Ukraine prior of commencement of its commercial distribution in Ukraine.

According to resolution issued by The Ministry of Health of Ukraine vaccination should be arranged in priority order for following categories of professions with risks of COVID-19, such as: medical staff who is working at hospitals where people with COVID-19 under treatment, emergency servicemen and policemen, workers of public transport and military personnel. Unfortunately, seafarers are not included at prioritise category for vaccination against of COVID-19. Therefore, seafarers will be vaccinated in general order during passing the standard PEME prior to employment at sea. Seafarers who have their full course of vaccination will obtain an appropriate vaccination certificate issued by PEME medical facility or medical facility which authorized to make such vaccination. Relevant letter addressed to the PEME accredited medical facility from the Shipowners or manning agents for seafarers' vaccination would be required.

Ukrainian marine trade-unions prepared an appropriate petition to Ukrainian Government with request to register Ukrainian seafarers for vaccination as prioritise category of employees with risks of COVID-19 to create a safe working environment and request them to come forward for early vaccination. However, matter is still under consideration by Ukrainian Government. According to PEME doctors' prognosis procedure of Ukrainian seafarers' vaccination will be commenced probably close to May 2021.

**2. Changes in passing PEME by seafarers.**

We should note that PEME clinics' medical personnel who is working with seafarers passing regular tests on COVID-19. Moreover COVID-19 tests/analysis is mandatory for seafarers while passing standard PEME before the employment and certificate with negative results of COVID-19 should be available at seafarer's disposal along with the Seafarer's Fitness Certificate when seafarer is proceeding for employment onboard the vessel. Shipowners and their local manning agents are in close cooperation with PEME medical facilities in mandatory testing of marine personnel for COVID-19 prior to employment.

**3. Crew changes in Ukraine.**

Crew changes in Ukraine for seafarers: national and foreigners perform without any restrictions. Off-signing and on-signing seafarers will not have to quarantine for any period however valid travelling insurance with covered risks of COVID-19 for seafarers who are travelling to or from Ukraine is required. At Ukrainian international airports established an appropriate medical facility for passing express tests on COVID-19.



#### 4. Situation at Ukrainian ports.

Situation at the Ukrainian ports are stable and without any restrictions, ports are working in usual regime. However Sanitary Authorities continue to inspect all vessels calling at Ukrainian ports due to risks of COVID-19, and if any symptoms of COVID-19 will be found crew should be thoroughly examined and if COVID-19 will be confirmed seafarers with positive tests should be signed off and immediately hospitalized at special designated hospitals for further medical treatment. Masters should immediately notify Sanitary Authorities about any symptoms at ship's crew (fever, cough, weakness, etc.) for undertaking appropriate measures by Sanitary Authorities and for prevention of any delay in ship's cargo operation and further sailing. Only after completion of medical treatment at hospital and negative COVID-19 tests repatriation of foreign seafarers should be arranged.

All visitors (stevedores, agents, surveyors) duly informed about precaution measures during work onboard and should have protective disposable masks, disinfection liquids for washing the hands and latex medical gloves prior to board the vessel. All visitors onboard should use disinfection liquids. Removal of ship wastes should be discussed with the ship's agent and will be possible after preliminary disinfection treatment only.

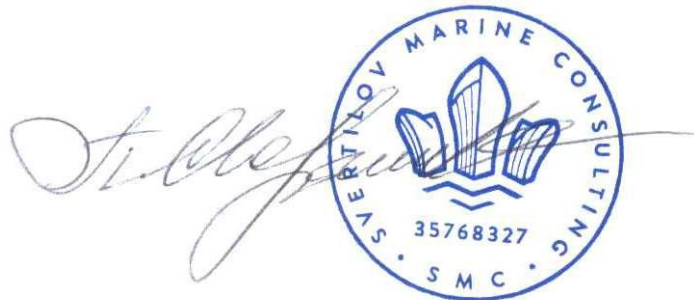
Sanitary Authorities via Port administration provide a regular notification about precaution measures due to COVID-19 to all contractors, port workers, stevedores, harbour pilots, ship's agents, P&I Correspondents, and marine surveyors.

"Svertilov Marine Consulting" closely monitoring the situation with vaccination of COVID-19 in Ukraine and keep Clubs and Shipowners duly informed of any developments.

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Yours faithfully,

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