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**Regulation of the Government-Commissioner of June 8<sup>th</sup> 2020 no. 827/GEZ regarding the execution of the Public Health Act in connection with COVID-19 for vessels other than cargo vessels coming to the city pier**

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Whereas

- in the Netherlands, but also worldwide, there is a pandemic caused by the Coronavirus (COVID-19);
- COVID-19 is a group A infectious disease;
- the Government Commissioner of St. Eustatius, pursuant to chapter 5 paragraphs 2 and 6 of the *Public Health Act* (Wet publieke gezondheid), provides for the prevention of an epidemic of an infectious disease belonging to group A of infectious diseases;
- in order to prevent further spread of the coronavirus/ COVID-19, official regulations for the maritime sector were set in place, for vessels other than the cargo vessels coming to the city pier;
- due to stabilization of the spread of the COVID-19 Virus, it is desired to somewhat relax the procedures established by the abovementioned regulations;

**Decides to adopt the following Regulation regarding the execution of the Public Health Act in connection with COVID-19 for vessels other than cargo vessels coming to the city pier**

**Article 1 Reporting duty**

1. The master of ship shall, in accordance to the International Health regulations (IHR 2005 art 37), deliver the Maritime Declaration of Health prior to arrival in our ports the ships visited within the previous thirty days.
2. All crew or passengers that have joined the ship within the last thirty days, shall be reported to the port authority in accordance with the IHR.
3. The reports mentioned in paragraph 1 and 2 of this article are to be conveyed to the harbor master through the usual channels.

**Article 2 Precautions**

Anyone boarding any ship travelling from international waters must:

- a. put on PPE, meeting at least the minimum requirement face mask or respirator, coverall, close eye goggles and gloves. Failure to comply with this will result in admission to the ship being denied.
- b. avoid meeting with ship's crew in closed quarters where ventilation systems might recirculate air, and must remain on deck, bridge wing or wheelhouse.
- c. keep a safe distance of one and a half meters from the nearest person at all times.
- d. wash hands prior to and after boarding with soap or sanitize with alcohol.
- e. maintain proper sneezing etiquette by sneezing in a tissue or elbow.

### **Article 3 Category ships**

1. Ships falling under this regulation can be placed in one of the following categories:
  - a. Type 1 – No physical contact, communication via VHF, buckets and or pouch
  - b. Type 2 Green light – “Pilots only”.
  - c. Type 2 Green light – “4 or 6 entries in the visitor’s logbook only” if the time between last contact in last port is 14 or less than 14 days.
  - d. Type 2 Green light – “8 entries in the visitor’s logbook only” if the time between last contact in last port is more than 14 days
  - e. Type 2 Red light.
2. The ships are placed in the categories by the Public Health department based on the reports provided under article 1.
3. The Public Health Department can deviate from the flow charts (see appendix) whenever deemed necessary.

### **Article 4 Access prohibited and persons allowed**

- a. At no point will anyone be allowed to board a type 1 or a type 2 Red light categorized vessel.
- b. The following persons, entities or representatives thereof are allowed to board type 2 Green light “Pilots only” categorized vessel: Only pilots are allowed to board these vessels.
- c. The following persons, entities or representatives thereof are allowed to board type 2 Green light “4, 6 or 8 entries in the visitor’s logbook only”: Pilots, samplers, cargo representatives and cargo inspectors.
- d. In total not more than 4, 6 or 8 entries (2 pilots + 2, 4 or 6 others) in the port log, per port call, permitted; the max amount of persons will be indicated on the Health Department “Health Clearance”.
- e. Nobody is allowed inside the accommodation except for the persons mentioned in 4.6 and 6.6.
- f. Employees from the Health Department and the Shipping Inspectorate can board any Type 2 Green light vessel.
- g. The in 4.6 mentioned persons will not be counted for in relation to the maximum persons allowed onboard.

### **Article 5 Type 1 vessels**

1. Exchange of documents and samples required for type 1 vessel will only be done by buckets, baskets and or pouches and communication shall only be done via VHF-radio.
2. Shell doors are not allowed to be used by the line boats
2. The crew on the line boat deck and / or barge deck needs to wear face mask and gloves during pouch, hose or bucket transfer.

### **Article 6 Requirements and restrictions type 2 Green light “Pilots only” categorized vessel**

1. Only the, in article 4.2 and 4.6, mentioned persons are allowed to board these vessels.
2. These persons have to wear their PPE as mentioned in article 2.
3. The pilots have to be escorted via the outside stairs to the bridge.
4. The crew who escorts the pilot to the bridge and the bridge team shall wear at least gloves and face mask.
5. The persons who boarded the vessels shall afterwards report their physical status and body temperature on a daily basis to the Health Department.
6. Only the pilot who stays on a Single Point Mooring (SPM) ship is allowed inside the accommodation of the SPM vessel.
7. Pilot working hours 24/7.

### **Article 7 Requirements and restrictions type 2 Green light “4, 6 or 8 entries in the visitor’s logbook only” categorized vessel**

1. Only the, in article 4.3 and 4.6, mentioned persons are allowed to board these vessels.
2. These persons have to wear their PPE as mentioned in article 2.
3. The pilots have to be escorted via the outside stairs to the bridge.
4. The crew who escorts the pilot to the bridge and the bridge team shall wear at least gloves and face mask.
5. Pilot and visitors working hours 24/7.

**Article 7.1 Additional requirement and restriction type 2 Green light “4 entries in the visitor’s logbook only” categorized vessel**

The persons who boarded the vessels “4 entries in the log book only” shall afterwards report their physical status and body temperature on a daily basis to the Health Department.

**Article 8 Barges and Tug boats**

Only the in 4.2 and 4.6 mentioned persons are allowed to board the tug boats and the barges.

**Article 9 Quarantine**

Vessels that fall in the category of type2 red light will be placed under quarantine outside the territorial waters.

**Article 10 Implementation**

1. This regulation goes into effect immediately upon publication.
2. Upon entry into force of this regulation, the Regulation of the government-commissioner of April 17, 2020 no 1 and May 26, 2020 no. 02 regarding execution of the Public Health Act in connection with COVID-1( for vessels other than cargo vessels coming to the city pier, is repealed.
3. Decisions made based on the regulations mentioned in paragraph 2 remain valid and are considered to be made based on this regulation.

The Government-Commissioner\*, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020

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**Appendix:**

- Flow chart “ships coming for bunker, drop samples or cargo operations”

\* As per article 3 paragraph 2 of the Temporary task neglect Sint Eustatius act



