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Protocol for crew change and rest and relaxation visits of tug and line boats

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Aim of this protocol

This protocol gives an rules according to which the crew changes of tug and line boats is possible as well as rest and relaxation visits of the boat crews.

The protocol for crew change

- A tug boat or line boat owner/operator first has to arrange with IND and Koninklijke Marrechaussee the permit issues of leaving and incoming crew members before planning the actual crew change.
- A tug boat or line boat owner/operator needs to deliver a request (by email to info.covid19@statiagov.com) in which is explained where and how the crew change will take place.
 - It needs to include the names of the old crew (with destination to travel to from Statia) and the new crew (with country of origin) and the planned flight arrangements.
 - The request needs to be delivered at least 10 calendar days before the actual planned date of the crew changes
- The government will inform directly after receiving the request the IND and Koninklijke Marrechaussee on the planned date of crew change and check if there are no permit/passport issues.
- A tug or line boat has to have been 14 days continuously in Statia waters (not have been travelling to harbours on other Island).
- This will be checked by the harbour master through an interview together with the ship inspector. This interview will be planned as soon as possible after the received request for crew change.
- The harbour master will together with the public health decide on the result of the interview and they decide if the criteria are met and the crew change can start..
- A new crew will be travelling directly from the airport to the harbour and directly board the vessel. If crew members arrive on different times the early arrivals need to be brought to a quarantine hotel (=Old Gin House) until the full new crew has arrived.
- The actual crew change has to be conducted in one go with keeping strict social distancing in place.



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Protocol for rest and relaxation visits.

- If a tug or line boat crew has stayed the last 14 days continuously in Statia Waters (and has not been on other ships during that period) you can request to the harbour master to allow crew members for a stay at the shore.
- The harbour master (together with the ship inspector) will assess if the criteria are met through an interview with the captain.
- These shore visits are only allowed for a duration of less than one calendar day (=no overnight stay at the shore).
- A tug or line boat crew can have maximum 1 rest and relaxation visit per calendar month.