



To the operational local port authorities

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Port authorities preventive measures against Coronavirus (COVID-19) April 8, 2020

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Coronavirus (COVID-19) has been found in most of the world, including Greenland. Based on that fact, it is necessary that the country's ports to initiate special measures.

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The local port authorities **MUST**, demand and approve a "Maritime Declaration of Health" on **EVERY** port call to the following ships on international traffic:

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- Cargo and supply ships
- Cruise ships
- Danish defence vessels (Danish Kingdom)
- Private vessels

Other ships including fishing vessels and ferries, **WILL** be required to and have an approved "Maritime Declaration of Health" at **EVERY** call of port if:

- the ship has called on a foreign port within the past 14 days
- there has been illness among the ships passengers within the past 14 days
- the ship has made passenger or crew changes within the past 14 days.

The Port Authority shall not require or approve a "Maritime Declaration of Health" when the Danish Defense's, RAL's and Polaroil's ships make technical calls. A technical call requires that no crew or passengers come ashore or persons from the town / village come aboard the ship.

In a "Maritime Declaration of Health", the shipmaster declares, that there is no infectious diseases on the ship. The declaration must not be more than 24 hours old.

In Greenland, the National Medical Office handles situations and coordinates the emergency preparedness, in case of suspected infection.

If a ship is unable to provide a "clean" Maritime Declaration of Health to the port authority, where all the boxes have been checked with a "NO", the following must happen:

1. The Port Authority informs the ship to remain outside the port and to contact the National Medical Office.

2. The ship contacts the National Medical Office for a professional health discussion about the specific situation.
3. The National Medical Office notifies the Greenland Police (control center) of whether the ship has been released to berth and whether there are other instructions for action.
4. The Greenland Police provides a written notification to the Port Authority of the port in question and the ship, with a copy to the National Medical Office and the Central Port Authority.
5. The port authority of the port in question will only authorize the ship to enter the port and go to the quay, if the National Medical Office has released the ship.

The reason for preparation of a "Maritime Declaration of Health" at each port call, is the so-called incubation period (the time in which the first symptoms appear is 2-14 days). A passenger or a crew member may have been infected before departure and only begin to experience symptoms after, for example 10 days.

Please note that the Greenland Police recommends the following to ships with crew members from other countries or different districts in Greenland:

1. That the crew remains on board for a minimum of 14 days with no contact to others.
2. That the crew goes on a 14 days home quarantine upon arrival at their hometown, provided the crew has been off for less than 14 days with no contact to others.

The recommendations from the Greenland Authorities can be followed on:

www.nun.gl/Emner/Borgere/Coronavirus?sc_lang=da
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