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Maritime Sector Workers

Frequently Asked Questions

Are seafarers/workers in the maritime transport sector, classified as an essential worker?

Yes. Workers in the maritime transport sector are essential workers in ensuring the supply of essential goods.

Is a seafarer in the maritime transport sector, who has no symptoms, required to self-quarantine when they disembark?

No. On March 19th the Department of Health and HSE issued the following guidance. People travelling into Ireland from overseas should self-quarantine for 14 days. Specific groups exempt from this request include HAULIERS and MARITIME STAFF either Irish based or foreign based. In their guidance issued on March 23rd the EU Commission stressed the importance of EUwide supply chains continuing to operate uninterrupted. To keep transport moving, the Commission recommends that Member States take action to ensure the free movement of all workers involved in international transport, whatever the transport mode. In particular, rules such as travel restrictions, and mandatory quarantine of transport workers not displaying symptoms, should be waived.

If a seafarer in the transport sector, is experiencing symptoms, what should they do when arriving at port?

If you are experiencing symptoms you must follow the HSE guidelines and should self-quarantine for 14 days and contact your GP. Guidelines can be found [HERE](#).

What happens in those instances where the seafarer's employment agreement is due to expire?

Where a seafarer's employment agreement (SEA) expires or is due to expire between 1 March 2020 and 31 August 2020, and a seafarer has reached the maximum period of service and/or repatriation of the seafarer is difficult due to current travel restrictions, the SEA may be extended by up to 6 months from the date of expiry with the agreement of the seafarer.

Will the same terms and conditions apply to seafarer's employment agreements that have been extended?

In this situation, the same terms and conditions as originally agreed will continue to apply. Any Agreement to such an extension must be signed by the seafarer and witnessed by a person not party to the Agreement

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