Protocol for Maritime Crew Members Joining or Signing Off a Vessel in Queensland

The public is hereby informed of the protocol for maritime crew, particularly seafarers and manning agencies, being implemented in Queensland, Australia. The said protocol is referred to in the Quarantine for International Arrivals Direction (No. 9) and the Border Restrictions Direction (No.26). The Queensland Travel Declaration Direction also includes requirements for maritime crew.

The protocol applies only to maritime crew who are required to operate or provide services to support the operation of a commercial vessel, research vessel or government vessel that is in Australian waters and is 50 metres or more in length. The protocol does not apply to cruise vessels, private vessels, super yachts or recreational vessels.

The protocol includes the following requirements:

1. Checklist (A crew changeover checklist must be completed for each vessel where there are maritime crew joining or signing off in Queensland);
2. Queensland Travel Declaration and Queensland Border Declaration Pass;
3. Queensland International Arrivals Registration;
4. Maritime Crew joining a vessel in Queensland;
5. Maritime Crew signing off a vessel in Queensland;
6. Quarantine conditions;
7. COVID-19 testing for maritime crew;
8. Shore leave; and
9. Emergency referral and retrieval

Cruise ships are subject to the Restricting cruise ships from entering Queensland waters Direction (No. 2) and to the Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) (Emergency Requirements) Determination 2020 (Cth).

Maritime vessels are subject to any General Manager Maritime Safety Queensland Directions issued under the Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994 which may impose time-based arrival restrictions.

Complete text of the said protocol, published in the Queensland Health website: Protocol for maritime crew members joining or signing off a vessel in Queensland | Queensland Health

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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