



To whom it may concern

Dear Sir/Madam,

KEY WORKER EXEMPTION FROM MANDATORY QUARANTINE

The holder of this letter is employed in the maritime industry in a capacity that is exempt from the requirement to self-isolate for 14 days upon arrival in the UK.

The categories of exemption relating to the maritime industry are as follows:

- Seaman and Masters as defined in section 313(1) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995
- Maritime Pilots as defined in paragraph 22(1) of schedule 3A of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995.
- Inspectors and surveyors of ships appointed under section 256 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995.

The exemption from the requirement to self-isolate applies regardless of whether the individual is arriving in the UK for the purposes of crew change, shore leave or returning home on leave.

Acceptable evidence of employment in the above categories includes:

- A Seafarers Identification Document (SID)
- Joining papers
- Seafarers Employment Agreement (SEA)
- Seafarers discharge book
- Basic training certificate
- Declaration from the registered owners of a vessel confirming the individual as a crew member.

The above information has been extracted from guidance published by the UK government on the 8th June 2020 which is reproduced overleaf and is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-travellers-exempt-from-uk-border-rules/coronavirus-covid-19-travellers-exempt-from-uk-border-rules>

Yours faithfully,

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General Secretary
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GUIDANCE TO ALL SEAFARERS CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19):

TRAVELLERS EXEMPT FROM BORDER RULES IN THE UK

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You still need to follow the same rules as people who live in the UK, even if you are exempt from self-isolating for 14 days after you arrive.

Check the rules for the nation you are staying in:

- England
- Scotland
- Wales
- Northern Ireland

You will need to complete the Public Health passenger locator form before you travel to the UK. The online form can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/provide-journey-contact-details-before-travel-uk>

You will not need to self-isolate for 14 days.

If you work on a ship, including fishermen, you should show a Seafarers Identification Document (SID) if you have one. If you do not have a SID, you can show your joining papers, seafarers employment agreement or a seafarers discharge book (Continuous Certificate of Discharge) instead. Alternatively, you could show a basic training certificate or declaration from the registered owners of the vessel that you are a crew member.