



# SHIP SAFETY BULLETIN

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**Subject:** **MARINE CREW DEEMED ESSENTIAL**

### *Purpose*

To provide you with a copy of the signed Exemption from the “Prohibition from Entry Into Canada Order”.

### *Scope*

Pursuant to subparagraph 3(1)(ii) of the *Minimizing the Risk of Exposure to COVID-19 Coronavirus Disease in Canada Order (Prohibition of Entry into Canada)*, the exemption allows crew members (foreign seafarers) within the meaning of section 2 of the *Canada Shipping Act, 2001*, other than a pleasure craft within the meaning of that section, who have to travel to Canada to work on a ship to board an international flight destined to Canada. Please note that Transport Canada Aviation Security has disseminated this information to all aviation airline carriers.

### *Background*

Crew changes are regular occurrences in the maritime sector. Once seafarers finish their required sea service, they fly home to their families and a relief crew must replace them. These exchanges are critical to the flow of marine trade.

The marine transportation sector provides a vital service to all Canadians in ensuring that goods (food, medicine, and other essential products) arrive safely in our ports. The marine sector is important to the well-being of the Canadian economy and is vital for the integrity of the overall supply chain.

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1. Coronavirus
2. Essential services
3. Crew exemption

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***Documentation***

The airline passenger (seafarer) joining a vessel in Canada as a crew member will have in his/her possession a seafarer identity document issued in accordance with the Seafarers' Identity Documents Convention, 2003 (ILO Convention No 185) supplemented by a passport; or other seafarer documentation, including proof of employment by a vessel operating out of a Canadian port; and a visa, if required.