

South Korea Quarantine Regulation Update

8th March 2021

Notification of Quarantine (Article 9, Quarantine Act)

The master of the vessel* shall notify the director of the quarantine station via VTS or the agent 24hrs prior to arriving at the quarantine area. Arrival/Departure General Declaration must be submitted upon notifying the authorities.

*The owner of the vessel / vessel's agent may notify the authority on behalf of the master.

Quarantine Inspection (On-Board Inspection / Electronic Quarantine)

1. On-board Inspection

All crew members and passengers shall be subjected to temperature check and health questionnaires conducted by the quarantine officer upon arrival. Vessels subject to on-board inspection are as follows:

A. Vessels arriving from areas listed below;

- ♦ Vessels that have departed from/passed through Enhanced Quarantine Required Countries* within the past 14 days

* Nepal, The Philippines, United Kingdom, South Africa & Russian Ports (as of 24th Feb 2021)

- ♦ Vessels that have departed from High-Risk Countries* (as of 16th Feb 2021)

* Ghana, Gabon, Guyana, Gambia, Guatemala, Greece, Namibia, Nigeria, South Africa, the Netherlands, Nepal, Norway, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Germany, Latvia, Russia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Romania, Luxembourg, Rwanda, Libya, Lithuania, Malawi, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Mauritania, Mozambique, Montenegro, Moldova, the Maldives, Malta, Mongolia, United States, Myanmar, Bahrain, Barbados, the Bahamas, Venezuela, Belgium, Belarus, Belize, Bosnia Herzegovina, Botswana, Bolivia, North Macedonia, Bulgaria, Brazil, Saudi Arabia, Cyprus, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Serbia, the Seychelles, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sudan, Suriname, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Spain, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sierra Leone, UAE, Armenia, Argentina, Iceland, Haiti, Ireland, Azerbaijan, Albania, Antigua and Barbuda, Eswatini, Estonia, Ecuador, El Salvador, United Kingdom, Oman, Austria, Honduras, Jordan, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Ukraine, Iraq, Iran, Israel, Egypt, Italy, India, Indonesia, Japan, Jamaica, Zambia, Equatorial Guinea, Georgia, Zimbabwe, Czech Republic, Chile, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Kazakhstan, Qatar, Canada, Kenya, the Comoros, Costa Rica, Colombia, Cuba, DR Congo, Kuwait, Croatia, Kyrgyzstan, Tanzania, Turkey, Tunisia, Trinidad Tobago,

Panama, Paraguay, Pakistan, Peru, Portugal, Poland, France, French Polynesia, Finland, the Philippines, Hungary

- B. Vessels with reported cases of death / crew member infection**
- C. Vessels with seafarers that have embarked the vessel within the past 14 days**
- D. Vessels without a valid 'Ship Sanitation Control Certificate'**
- E. Vessels where on-board inspection is deemed necessary by the director of NQS.**

2. Electronic Quarantine

Vessels NOT subject to on-board inspection shall be subject to electronic quarantine; failing to clear the electronic quarantine shall subject the vessel to on-board inspection.

PCR Negative Certificate

1. Submission

The following persons subject to the conditions below must submit PCR Negative Certificate to the NQS.

A. Foreigners(non-Koreans)

- ♦ All Foreigners that have embarked the vessel after 0000hrs 15th January 2021.
- ♦ Foreigners that have embarked the vessel from Enhanced Quarantine Required Countries after 0000hrs of the following date:
 - The Philippines, Russian Ports: 10th August 2020
 - Nepal: 20th November 2020
 - United Kingdom, South Africa: 29th December 2020

B. Koreans

- ♦ All Koreans that have embarked the vessel after 0000hrs 24th February 2021.
- ♦ Koreans that have embarked the vessel from the countries/continent below after 0000hrs of the following date:
 - Africa (Continent): 22nd February 2021
 - Brazil: 25th January 2021
 - United Kingdom, South Africa: 15th January 2021

2. Exemption

The submission of PCR Negative Certificate is exempted under the following cases. (as of 24th Feb

2021)

- A. Case where 28 days* have passed since departure from Enhanced Quarantine Required Countries and Russia, and the vessel has called at two or more countries before entering Korea;

*Calculated as twice the pre-symptomatic period (14 days) for COVID 19, taking reference of the WHO guideline.

ex) Enhanced Quarantine Required Countries (Departure on 9.3.)→ Country A→ Country B→ Korea (Arrival on 10.3.) Countries A, B, and C are other than Enhanced Quarantine Required Countries and Russia.

- B. Case where there was no initial plan to call at Korean port or case where the vessel is entering Korean port to take shelter from bad weather conditions.
- C. Cases of other reasons where calling at Korean ports was not initially planned but has become unavoidable (to be determined by the director of NQS)
- D. Cases where the vessel has departed from Korean ports and have only remained on international waters (applies to Koreans* only)
*Koreans subject to this case shall not be exempted from quarantine/isolation even if they were to satisfy exemption requirements
- E. Koreans departing from Myanmar from 27th February 2021
(temporary exemption; to be nullified upon further notice)

3. Requirements

- ♦ All certificates must be issued within 72hrs prior to the date of departure.
- ♦ Only PCR Negative Certificates in the following forms are accepted
 - Original PCR Negative Certificate (in Korean or English); or,
 - Original PCR Negative Certificate (in any other language) alongside a Korean or English Translation; or,
Note that translations require certification from local notary institutions or embassies; translations from authorized translation offices (including authorized translators) do not require additional notarization.
 - Copy of the PCR Negative Certificate, should the vessel call multiple ports after the Certificate has been issued
- ♦ When departing from Enhanced Quarantine Required Countries with designated PCR test institutions, only certificates from such institutions shall be accepted.
Countries with designated PCR test institutions: Nepal, The Philippines, & Russian Ports (Certificates from Russia without QR codes will not be accepted)
- ♦ The following information must be included in PCR negative certificates:
 - 1) Name (as appears on the passport)
 - 2) Test Type
 - 3) Test Result
 - 4) Issuing Date
 - 5) Date of Birth (Passport Numbers / ID Card numbers also accepted)
 - 6) Test Date
 - 7) Official Seal/Signature of Issuing Institution
- ♦ Persons without valid certificates / certificates that have failed to meet the standard shall be tested; vessel operations may commence only after the said persons obtain 'negative' results.

- ♦ All seafarers from the abovementioned vessels shall not be permitted to leave the vessel; however, should a Korean seafarer that have submitted invalid / sub-standard certificate sign-off the vessel for crew change purposes, he/she shall be subject to 14 days of isolation in the temporary living facility operated by the Ministry of Ocean and Fisheries. Koreans signing off the vessel for crew change purposes must self-isolate. (shall not be exempt from self-isolation even when he/she meets the exemption requirements)

Special Entry Procedure & Testing for Off-Signers

1. Special Entry Procedure

All off-signers (excludes persons leaving the vessel for operation within the security area) must submit 'Travel Record Declaration' and are subject to 'Special Entry Procedure', checking the installation of 'Self Diagnosis Mobile App'.

The following applications must be installed in off-signers' mobile phones.

- ♦ Self Diagnosis Mobile App: Foreigners staying for a short period, foreigners granted shore leave, Koreans reembarking the vessel, and persons exempt from quarantine.
- ♦ Self-quarantine Safety Protection App: Long term residents(foreigners), Korean off-signers that have entered Korea through Customs(ministry of justice)

2. Testing

All off-signers(excludes persons leaving the vessel for operation within the security area) are subject to testing

- A. Korean Off-signers: May await the results in their respective residences.
- B. Foreigners, Reembarking Koreans, persons exempt from quarantine: Must remain on-board until the test results arrive.

Testing(Sample Collection) will be conducted at a time and in a location designated by the director of the NQS. An agent from the shipping agency / company shall accompany the off-signer and to the vessel after the sample has been collected. Safe transportation system must be secured, and the use of public transportation is prohibited.

Testing of persons showing symptoms shall be conducted in a separate location. The person must be isolated inside their cabin until the results arrive.

A pratique is issued upon the confirmation of 'negative' status. The pratique is valid for 72hrs and the recipient of the pratique must undergo immigrations within the 72hrs.

The shipping company or the agent may receive the pratique in place of the seafarer. Koreans subject to self-quarantine or emergency patients can receive pratique prior to the test results.

Quarantine (of Persons)

1. General

Upon the submission of PCR Negative Certificate,

- A. Koreans and Long-term residents(foreigners) that have embarked the vessel in the United Kingdom, South Africa, Brazil and Africa will be subject to 14 days of self-quarantine(Installation of self-diagnosis app required) (21.02.24.)
- B. Koreans and Long-term residents(foreigners) that have embarked the vessel in countries besides the United Kingdom, South Africa, Brazil, and Africa will be subject to 14 days of self-quarantine(installation of self-quarantine app required) (21.02.24.)
- C. Foreigners staying in Korea for a short period will be subject to 14 days of quarantine in a facility operated by the Ministry of Ocean and Fisheries(installation of self-quarantine app required)

Should one fail to submit a PCR Negative Certificate, he/she shall be subject to 14 days of quarantine in a facility operated by the Ministry of Ocean and Fisheries(installation of self-diagnosis app required)

2. Early Discharge

To better facilitate crew change, seafarers(foreigners) may be discharged from the quarantine facility before 14 days under certain circumstances.

Matters concerning early discharge is subject to the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries' internal guidelines for operating isolation facilities. The conditions of early discharge is as follows:

- ♦ The seafarer must be tested Negative
- ♦ The departure date of the vessel must be set (departing flight ticket be secured)
- ♦ Must move to the seaport/airport without stopping by other locations. (the mode of transportation must be secured beforehand by the agent/company)
- ♦ Must leave the facility within 12 hours of scheduled departure time.

The documents to apply for early discharge are as follows. 1) Early Discharge application, 2) Declaration of Arrival or Departure (including the crew list) 3) Copy of Crew Note, 4) Copy of Passport, 5) Written Oath guaranteeing departure 6) Copy of the outgoing person's ID card, 7) Copy of the vehicle registration card, 8) Written Oath(applyes to Foreigners departing from China)

However, it may not be possible to leave the isolation facility in the cases below.

- A. If the next port is a domestic port
- B. If the next port is a Chinese port

According to the Chinese government's policy, persons arriving in China must submit a PCR negative certificate issued by a Chinese government-designated hospital, so they are restricted being discharged early. After being discharged after 14 days, an individual examination is required at a Chinese-designated hospital(Visit to a hospital for examination during the facility isolation period is prohibited).

- C. Persons confirmed Covid Positive / Close contacts of Covid-positive persons

If a person is tested positive in the quarantine/isolation facility, he/she will be transferred to the treatment center. The person tested positive and foreigners that have contacted the person tested positive shall also be restricted from being discharged early.

3. Persons Exempt from Quarantine

Seafarers that have applied for exemption and have received quarantine exemption certificate from a quarantine station may be exempt from quarantine. Persons exempt from quarantine will be actively monitored through the self-diagnosis app for 14 days. Seafarers of vessels arriving from Enhanced Quarantine Required Countries may not apply for the exemption.

The requirements to be exempt from quarantine is as follows/

- A. The seafarer must have stayed on board for at least 14 days prior to arrival; the vessel must not have records or crew change / positive cases or persons showing symptoms / persons going on a shore leave within the past 14 days prior to arrival
- B. Korean seafarers from container vessels(Korean Flag) on short-haul routes (Korea-China) or Car ferries(includes vessels owned by Korea-China joint venture companies)
- C. Korean seafarers from Korean flag vessels owned by a Korean company(Container Ships, Bulk Carriers, Tankers, Car Carriers); excludes seafarers from vessels that have departed from/passed through Enhanced Quarantine Required Countries within the past 14 days)

The above requirements must be met, and external contacts such as dis/embarking or cargo operation is prohibited until the local office of MOF confirms the requirements. The shipping company(or the agents) must apply for exemption in order to be exempted from quarantine.