

Measures introduced in Member countries related to COVID-19

Country: Sweden

Date: 23/04/2020

Measure related to :	Period		Temporary exemptions (e.g. weekend bans, driving and rest hours, etc...)	
	From	To	Type	Period
<p>Goods:</p> <p>The Swedish Transport Agency notified a temporary and limited relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times. This relaxation is granted pursuant to Article 14(2) of Regulation (EC) No 561/2006. It will apply to those drivers involved in domestic and international transports.</p>	16 March	Pro- longed 31 May 2020		
<p>Passengers:</p> <p>Following a call by the European Council and European Commission the Swedish Government has banned non-essential travel to Sweden from all countries except European Union Member States, the United Kingdom, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Switzerland.</p> <p>The Swedish government decided to temporary restrict non-essential travel to Sweden from countries outside of the European Union, EES countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein,</p>	17 March	Pro- longed 15 May 2020		

<p>Norway) and Switzerland. United Kingdom nationals are still to be treated in the same way as EU citizens until end 2020. This do not apply on Swedish citizens, third-country nationals, travellers with an essential function or need etc.</p> <p>The Ministry for Foreign Affairs has extended the decision it took on 14 March 2020 to advise against non-essential travel to all countries so that it applies until 15 June 2020. For countries or areas to which the MFA had advised against travel before 14 March 2020, these decisions still apply. The decision to extend the advice against non-essential travel to all countries was taken on 3 April 2020. This advice applies until 15 June 2020, when the situation will be reappraised.</p>	<p>14 March</p>	<p>Pro- longed to 15 June 2020</p>		
<p>Other:</p> <p>Air</p> <p>State credit guarantees to airlines and expanded credit guarantee framework for the Swedish Export Credit Agency. The Government proposes that airlines would be able to receive credit guarantees in 2020 amounting to a maximum of SEK 5 billion, of which SEK 1.5 billion is intended for SAS. The guarantee scheme was approved by the Commission on April 11. It will also be proposed that the Swedish Export Credit Agency's credit guarantee framework be expanded to support Swedish export companies and, by extension, the shipping industry.</p>	<p>18 March</p>			

In compliance with Article VIII of the STCW Convention and Swedish law (SFS 2003:438), the Swedish Transport Agency may issue a dispensation permitting a specified seafarer to serve in a capacity for which he/she does not hold the appropriate certificate for a period not exceeding 6 months.

The Swedish Transport Agency has decided that all ships' statutory certificates that expire 1/4-1/9 will remain valid for 6 months without a specific decision. This also goes for the certifications depending on audits and surveys that have not been possible to perform. For annual ISM and ISPS audits internal audits may be postponed for 3 months.

Reminding of provisions:

Information in case of difficulties to maintain safe manning in circumstances of exceptional urgency/force majeure: according to Swedish law (SFS 2003:364), the Master has authority to decide that the ship shall undertake a voyage even if the crew does not comply with the requirements in the table found in the safe manning decision, under certain conditions for example a sudden case of illness in the crew, the deficiency cannot be rectified before the ship's planned departure; and the ship's existing crew is composed in such a way that the ship's safe navigation and all other aspects of maritime safety are satisfactorily met.

It should be noted that such a decision, does not require any written approval by the Swedish Transport Agency in order to be valid.

<p>PSC safety inspections: for cases of suspicion of Covid 19, the possibilities under Art 8(2)(a) of Directive 2009/16 have been recalled. The arrangements are intended to provide a pragmatic framework to permit the continued operation of Swedish registered vessels during the current period of disruption caused by the COVID-19 outbreak. The allowances set out in the notice, specifically in the extension of survey periods, are not expressly permitted under the relevant conventions.</p> <p>The Swedish Export Credit Agency's credit guarantee framework will be expanded to support Swedish export companies and, by extension, the shipping industry.</p>				
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