

Guidelines for resuming cruise operations

The shipowner must present a concept in due time before resuming cruise operations, under which conditions the handling at the terminal and the cruise should be carried out. The concept must ensure that health, safety and hygiene management procedures for crew and passengers are in place and include a confirmation that local, national and international requirements and requirements of international guidelines (Shipsan or Healthy-Gateway, WHO) are met. In addition, the maximum number of people on board, divided into crew and passengers, must be specified. The concept should have been drawn up by a company accredited in the EU / EFTA or include the assessment and certification of such a company that the requirements are met.

At least the following topics must be considered in the concept:

- Hygiene concept:
 - Description of disinfection and cleaning measures
 - Description of crew and passenger training in relation to hand and basic hygiene
 - Personal protective equipment for crew and passengers (especially mouth-nose protection in sufficient quantities)
 - Dealing with the occurrence of infectious diseases and their documentation (especially COVID-19) with escalation and de-escalation levels, recording the reporting channels according to International Health Regulations
 - Dealing with people suspect of disease
 - Dealing with early diagnosis of diseases
 - If possible, a single cabin should be provided for crew, at most double occupancy
 - Procedure for embarkation and disembarkation
 - Terminal participation
 - Description of hygiene concept for organized shore excursions
 - Description of standard of the air conditioning system, fresh air supply for cabins and public areas and, in the case of circulation, which filter systems (HEPA) are used
 - Monitoring the incidences in the ports of call and countries of origin of the crew
- Medical equipment and supplies for cruise ships
 - Provision of tests and creation of a test concept with information in which of the port of call on its scheduled voyage tests would be performed
 - Emergency medical preparations
 - Vaccination protection of crew (influenza, measles, etc.)
- Emergency plan
 - Providing contingency plan for emergency medical evacuations if necessary
 - Implementation of quarantine measures, provision of isolation cabins for confirmed cases, an area for symptomatic persons and description of how to deal with contact persons
 - Creation of a communication concept which takes into account the reporting channels to authorities and is gradually built up depending on the extent of the crisis. In addition, internal communication with crew and passengers, including psychosocial emergency care, must be presented
- Description of restaurant operations
 - Food supply and type of delivery (no self-service)
 - Description of measures in the lounge, entertainment and wellness areas
 - Further measures / behavioral guidelines to avoid spread of Sars-CoV-2
- Route specific medical aspects
 - Are other countries informed or has there been coordination with other countries when their territorial sea is crossed?
 - Which ports could be called in the event of a medical emergency?

In addition to the concept, valid ship certificates as well as the following documents and evidence must be submitted:

- Confirmation that all necessary precautions complying with the concept have been coordinated with the terminal operator, e.g. arrival and departure management of passengers and transport concepts, baggage handover
- Confirmation of the flag state that the intended cruise operation is approved
- Certificate of entry, issued by club or P&I correspondents with regard to the project including "Port Risk Cover", Nordrange / Hamburg