

NOTICE TO MARINERS No 17 - 2020

Denmark Travel Controls and Guidance

Please find below the Guidance from the DfT Maritime Management team regarding travel restrictions from Denmark and the associated guidance to UK Maritime.

This NtoM is divided into two sections to reflect the 2 separately received guidance notes received from DFT.

Part 1. (received Monday 9th November)

Latest Guidance:

- Accompanied freight movement (& passenger transport) directly from Denmark is now halted.
- Travellers, including hauliers, who have arrived in the UK from Denmark or passing through Denmark in the last 14 days must self-isolate for 14 days
- ***BUT unaccompanied freight movement can continue***
- The detail for maritime freight this is set out in 3.2.(a) in the underlying Statutory Instrument
- For interactions with vessels from Denmark
 - The current view is that there is no further guidance required on additional restrictions or PPE requirements for UK maritime operatives (including pilots)
 - However, we should be ensuring good and clear communications with vessels that existing rules – like cleaning, distancing, PPE – are stringently followed
 - This also applies to any UK port operatives who have to board the vessel
 - There may be very limited pragmatic reasons for a crew member to step onto the quay side (again, the example is a Master physically inspecting predeparture draft from the quayside) but they are not allowed to ‘enter the UK’ in any more material way
- ***The general and common sense approach is obviously to keep port workers and vessel crews as far apart as possible***
- For vessels that have arrived recently from Denmark the steer is that it seems sensible to take a similar approach in working the vessel

Part 2. (received Wednesday 11th Nov 2020)

Vessel Arrivals into the UK having berthed in Denmark in the last 14 days

Please note below the further guidance from the DfT Maritime Management team regarding vessels arriving into the UK having called at Danish Ports in the preceding 14 days.

DfT Guidance;

With regard to the question on a vessel which has called at a Danish port in the last 14 days but is not arriving directly, this vessel would be permitted to dock in the UK.

After which passengers or hauliers would be treated the same as if they had arrived on a vessel from France having driven from Denmark. I.e. any non-UK nationals who had been in Denmark in the last 14 days would not be permitted to enter the UK.

Any UK nationals who had been in Denmark could enter and then must self-isolate for 14 days from the day they left Denmark.

As I am sure you will acknowledge this is a very fast moving and fluid development and we anticipate further actions and guidance will be forthcoming over the coming days.

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