



Sint Eustatius
Caribisch Nederland

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Regulation of the government-commissioner of April... 2020 no.2 regarding the execution of the Public Health Act in connection with COVID-19 for vessels other than cargo vessels coming to the city pier

Whereas

- in the Netherlands, but also worldwide, there is a pandemic caused by the Coronavirus (COVID-19);
- COVID-19 is a group A infectious disease;
- the Minister of Infrastructure and Water Management decreed on April 10th, 2020, to extend the *Regeling Tijdelijk verbod burgerlijke luchtvaart luchtruim Bonaire, Sint Eustatius en Saba* (Regulation Temporary Ban on Civil Aviation Airspace Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba) until April 28th, 18:00 hours local time (Stcrt 10 april 2020, no 21917);
- the government-commissioner by emergency decree of March 27th, April 3rd and April 15th 2020, has declared all ports closed for passenger travel;
- there are meanwhile people on St. Eustatius with coronavirus / COVID-19;
- the Government Commissioner of St. Eustatius, in pursuant to chapter 5 paragraphs 2 and 6 of the *Public Health Act* (Wet publieke gezondheid), provides for the prevention of an epidemic of an infectious disease belonging to group A of infectious diseases;
- the medical capacity of the hospital and health service is under pressure;
- in order to prevent further spread of the coronavirus/ COVID-19, protocols were set in place on March 26th, April 6th, 7th, May 13th and 14th by the maritime sector, for vessels other than the cargo vessels coming to the city pier;
- it is desired to have the procedures established by the abovementioned protocol, adopted into an official regulation;

Decides to adopt the following Regulation regarding the execution of the Public Health Act in connection with COVID-19 for vessels other than cargo vessels coming to the city pier

Article 1 Reporting duty

1. The master of ship shall, in accordance with the International Health regulations (IHR 2005 art 37), deliver the Maritime Declaration of Health prior to arrival in our ports the ships visited within the previous thirty days.
2. All crew or passengers that have joined the ship within the last thirty days, shall be reported to the port authority in accordance with the IHR.
3. The reports mentioned in paragraph 1 and 2 of this article are to be conveyed to the harbor master through the usual channels.

Article 2 Precautions

Anyone boarding any ship travelling from international waters must:

- a. put on PPE, meeting at least the minimum requirement of N95 or FFp2 face mask or respirator, close eye goggles, gloves and coverall. Failure to comply with this will result in admission to the ship being denied.
- b. avoid meeting with ship's crew in closed quarters where ventilation systems might recirculate air, and must remain on deck, bridge wing or wheelhouse.
- c. keep a safe distance of one and a half meters from the nearest person at all times.
- d. wash hands prior to and after boarding with soap or sanitize with alcohol.
- e. maintain proper sneezing etiquette by sneezing in a tissue or elbow.

Article 3 Category ships

1. Ships falling under this regulation can be placed in one of the following categories:
 - a. Type 1
 - b. Type 2 Green light – "Pilots only"
 - c. Type 2 Green light – "5 entries in the visitors logbook only"
 - d. Type 2 Red Light.
2. The ships are placed in the categories by the Public Health department based on the reports provided under article 1.

Article 4 Access prohibited and persons allowed

1. At no point will anyone be allowed to board a type 1 or a type 2 Red light categorized vessel
2. The following persons, entities or representatives thereof are allowed to board type 2 Green light "Pilots only" categorized vessel: Only pilots are allowed to board these vessels
3. No other persons are allowed to board a Green light "Pilots only" categorized vessel
4. The following persons, entities or representatives thereof are allowed to board type 2 Green light "5 entries in the visitors logbook only": Pilots, 1 sampler, 1 cargo representative and 1 cargo inspector
5. In total not more than 5 entries in the port log, per port call, permitted
6. Nobody is allowed inside the accommodation except for the persons mentioned in 4.7 and 7.6
7. Employees from the Health Department and the Shipping Inspectorate can board any Type 2 Green light vessel
8. The in 4.7 mentioned persons do not have to be counted for in relation to the maximum persons allowed onboard

Article 5 Type 1 vessels

Exchange of documents and samples required for type 1 vessel will only be done by buckets and or pouches via the barge only, not directly via hull doors by tender boats, and communication shall only be done via VHF-radio.

Article 7 Requirements and restrictions type 2 Green light "Pilots only" categorized vessel

1. Only the, in article 4.2 and 4.7, mentioned persons are allowed to board these vessels
2. These persons have to wear their PPE as mentioned in article 2
3. The pilots have to be guided via the outside stairs to the bridge
4. The crew who guide the pilot to the bridge and the bridge team shall wear at least gloves and face mask.
5. The persons who boarded the vessels shall afterwards report their physical status and body temperature on a daily basis to the Health Department
6. The pilot who stayed onboard the Single Point Mooring vessel shall go in two week quarantine as per quarantine protocol

Article 8 Requirements and restrictions type 2 Green light "5 entries in the visitors logbook only" categorized vessel

1. Only the, in article 4.4 and 4.7, mentioned persons are allowed to board these vessels

2. These persons have to wear their PPE as mentioned in article 2
3. The pilots have to be guided via the outside stairs to the bridge
4. The crew who guide the pilot to the bridge and the bridge team shall wear at least gloves and face mask.
5. The pilot who stayed onboard the Single Point Mooring vessel shall go in two week quarantine as per quarantine protocol

Article 8 Barges and Tug boats

Only the in 4.2 and 4.7 mentioned persons are allowed to board the tug boats and the barges

Article 9 Quarantine

Vessels that fall in the category of type2 red light will be placed under quarantine outside the territorial waters

Article 10 Implementation

This regulation goes into effect immediately upon publication.

The government-commissioner May 2020

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* As per article 3 paragraph 2 of the Temporary task neglect Sint Eustatius act

Appendix:

- Maritime protocol March 27th, 2020
- Annex Maritime protocol April 6th, 2020
- Annex Maritime protocol April 7th, 2020
- Flow chart "ships coming for bunker, drop samples or cargo operations"
- Flow chart "ship coming for cargo operation at the SPM" 14 or less than 14 days underway
- Flow chart "ship coming for cargo operation at the SPM" more than 14 days underway





