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**TO: LABOUR AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
ALL MEMBERS & ASSOCIATE MEMBERS
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CREW CHANGES IN SOUTH KOREA

Action Required: *Members are invited to note an update from ASA regarding the crew change procedures in South Korea from 24 July 2020 due to the escalation in the number of COVID-19 cases which have resulted in implementation of stricter procedures as below:*

From 24th July 2020., visa-free entry for crew change is temporarily suspended in Korea. All crew arriving in Korea by flight for crew change should show visas and submit PCR negative test results.

The test results should be issued within 48 hours prior to departure from their home country or from the country prior to arrival in Korea.

The recent series of changes are due to the recent COVID 19 cases that several crew, arriving Korea by flight for crew change, have been found to be positive upon PCR test.

On 12th of July it was reported that 37 % of COVID 19 overseas inflow came from crew change.

From 13th July 2020 the Korean government operated 'temporary isolated living facilities' for crew change. All crew entering Korea by ship or airplane for crew change should stay at the temporary isolated living facilities for 14 days.

If all 3 conditions are satisfied, disembarking crew are exempted from 14 days isolation.

1. 14 days has passed from last port of calling to port of arrival.
2. No crew change nor shore leave in 14 days.
3. There is no crew with covid positive result nor with symptoms of corona virus.

For crew change, Shipping companies or agents should submit disembarking crew lists 48 hours before arrival.

From 6th July 2020 crew change procedures in Korea changed as below.

- All disembarking crew had to check up corona virus.
Only the crew, whose test result is negative, can disembark.
- Until disembarking crew get the test result, the crew should stay on the ship.
This means the ship cannot depart until the crew get the test result.
- Covid checkup for crew is conducted twice a day. (09:30-11:00, 13:00-15:00) (It may be different for each port situation). Test result can be received after 15:00 on the following day. (It may differ for each port situation).
- If the test result is negative, the disembarking crew can move to the place in isolation and stay for 14 days.
- After 14 days, no public transport to be used to the airport.
- Crew shore leave is not permitted except for emergency cases.

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