



To: The Japan Ship Owners' Mutual Protection & Indemnity Association

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**RE: ENHANCED QUARANTINE MEASURES IN KOREA RELATED TO COVID-19**

**(SUBMISSION OF PCR NEGATIVE CERTIFICATE)**

Dear Sirs/Madams,

We would like to summarize the submission of PCR Negative Certificate regulation in Korea for the club's and the members' easy reference as follows:

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**[SUMMARY OF THE REGULATION]**

**1. Subject - crew members who need to submit PCR negative certificate**

- **On-signers at any foreign country on or after 24th Feb 2021**

**2. The condition of valid PCR negative certificate**

- **Must be issued "within 72hrs prior to the vessel's departure".**

Thus, if there's any crew member who joined the vessel holding PCR negative certificate which was issued at 72hrs before the vessel's departure, PCR Test must be re-arranged 1~3 days before the vessel's departure in order for the crew member to have PCR negative certificate issued "within 72hrs prior to the vessel's departure".

If on-signer failed to get PCR negative certificate at his/her embarking port, it can be issued at other ports before calling Korean Port. In case of PCR Test at other ports, the issuance date "within 72hrs prior to the vessel's departure" should be met.

**[EXCEPTION] PCR negative certificate issued within 72hrs prior to the embarkation date can be accepted as a valid certificate as well ONLY IF both of below conditions are met.**

- **At the time of arrival in Korea, there have been 14 days or more of sea voyage after joining of on-signers.**
  - **In case, Untact(Non Face to Face) Cargo Operation is available.**
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- Must be NAATs(Nucleic acid amplification tests) based test, such as PCR, LAMP, TMA, SDA, NEAR.

Other test method, such as RAT, ELISA, and “at-home-test” are not considered as a valid test method.

- Must be printed:
  - Name(Same of Passport) of Donor
  - Name(Method) of Test
  - Result of Test
  - Date of Test
  - Issuance date of the certificate
  - DOB of Donor(It can be replaced by Passport Number or ID Number)
  - Official seal(stamp) or Name of the facility
- Non high risk countries - PCR negative certificate can be issued from any facility, but it should be written either in English or Korean.
- High risk countries: **Philippines**, South Africa, Bangladesh, Pakistan, India, **Indonesia**, **Uzbekistan**, The U.K., Myanmar, Turkey, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, **Russia**
  - PCR negative certificate must be issued at the designated facilities.

At the moment, only **4 high risk countries(Philippines, Russia, Indonesia, and Uzbekistan)** have designated facilities, so PCR negative certificate by the designated facility is only required for the one who're from **Philippines, Russia, Indonesia, and Uzbekistan**. However, there's possibility that Korean Government expand the designated facilities to other high risk countries, so it is highly recommended for the owners to check the necessity of the designated facilities at other high risk countries at the time of signing on of crew members at high risk countries.

### 3. Exemption of the submission of PCR negative certificate

- If the vessel meet both conditions at the time of the vessel's arrival in Korea, the submission of PCR negative certificate is exempted.
  - **28 or more days** has already passed since the vessel's departure from the port with on-signers.
  - The vessel has called **two or more countries** since the vessel's departure from the port with on-signers.

(At the initial stage, two or more countries should not be one of high risk countries. But,

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any of two countries including high risk countries are fine now.)

#### 4. Delay & Fine for the non-submission or submission of invalid certificate

- PCR Test will be conducted for crew members upon arrival in Korea.  
(Basically, PCR Test will be conducted for those who're subject to the submission of PCR negative certificate. However, under the attending quarantine officer's judgement, PCR Test can be conducted for all crew members onboard.)
- It will take about 1 day to get the test result.
- The vessel will be cleared only after receiving the negative result.
- Non-submission: Penal Servitude up to 1 year or Fine not exceeding KRW 10,000,000  
\* Under joint penal provision against employer and employee, fines can be given KRW 20,000,000 per crew, i.e. KRW 10,000,000 to the owners and KRW 10,000,000 to the master on behalf of the crew.
- Submission of invalid PCR negative certificate: KRW 1,000,000 per crew
- Additional fine by Immigration for both non-submission & submission of invalid PCR negative certificate: KRW 1,000,000 to the master

#### **[IMPORTANT]**

- Please make sure to double check the regulation with the quarantine office governing the vessel's actual port of call through the local agent for the actual application of the regulation.

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Should you have any concern or question, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

Thank you.

Best Regards,

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