



Covid-19 Insights

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COVID-19 INSIGHTS – UPDATE ON MARITIME TRANSPORT OF PASSENGERS AND SAFETY MEASURES IN TRANSPORT INDUSTRY

With the DPCM 108/2020 on 26.04.2020, the Government provided for further specific measures regarding cruise and logistics industry.

a. Cruise industry

As far as the cruise industry is concerned, the new decree, at art. 6, confirmed the suspension of cruise services by passenger ships flying Italian flag.

Furthermore, the decree provides for a ban on all management companies, ship owners and masters of Italian passenger ships used on cruise services, from embarking passengers in addition to those already on board from 26 April until the end of the cruise in progress.

The management companies, the owners and masters of Italian passenger ships used in cruise services, ensured the execution of all the preventive health measures ordered by the competent Authorities, provide the disembarkation of all the passengers on board in the cruise port if not already disembarked in previous port calls.

Upon disembarkation in Italian ports:

- passengers with residence, domicile or habitual residence in Italy are obliged to immediately communicate their entry into Italy to the Department of Healthcare Prevention; they shall be subject to healthcare surveillance and fiduciary isolation for a period of fourteen days at the residence, domicile or habitual residence in Italy.
- Passengers of Italian nationality but residents abroad are obliged to immediately communicate their entry into Italy to the Department of Healthcare Prevention and shall be subject to healthcare surveillance and fiduciary isolation for a period of fourteen days at the location indicated by them at the time of disembarkation; however they can alternatively ask to be immediately transferred by air or by road to foreign destinations at shipowners' costs.

- Passengers of foreign nationality and residents abroad are immediately transferred to foreign destinations at shipowners' costs.

The passengers that stay within the Italian territory, should COVID-19 symptoms occur, are obliged to report this situation promptly to the Health Authority through specially dedicated telephone numbers.

Furthermore, the passengers above mentioned have to reach their residence (or the place indicated at the moment of disembarkation) only by private transport means.

In case the presence of at least one case of COVID-19 has been ascertained, the passengers for whom close contact is ascertained are subject to health surveillance and fiduciary isolation at the location indicated by them on the national territory or they are immediately transferred to foreign destinations, with a protected dedicated transport at shipowners' costs.

All the above provisions also apply to crew members, with regard to their nationality. Subject to authorization of the Department of Healthcare Prevention, the crew is allowed to place itself in health surveillance and fiduciary isolation on board.

Eventually, the decree contains a relevant provision that states that management companies, owners and masters of foreign flag passenger ships employed in cruise services that have scheduled calls in Italian ports, are prohibited to enter these ports, also for the purpose of idle.

b. Logistics industry

The attachment 8 to the decree contains the provisions that update the Protocol of 14-20 March relating to the measures of contrast and

containment of diffusion of the COVID 19 virus in the workplace.

Such attachment *i.* confirms the validity of the measures as provided in the Protocol mentioned above (see our update on ___ for easy reference) and *ii.* provides for further measures to be taken to guarantee the safety of the workplace.

As to the latter, there are new provisions that logistics providers must consider and comply with.

First of all, a general rule of social distancing: drivers must stay on board of the vehicles if they have not gloves and masks.

Secondly, the vehicle can access the place of loading/unloading even if the driver is not equipped with individual protective equipment, as long as he/she does not get out of the vehicle or can keep a distance of one meter from the others operators.

Thirdly, in the places of loading/unloading it must be ensured that the necessary preparatory and conclusive operations of the loading/unloading of goods and taking/delivery of documents, occur in ways that do not provide for direct contact between operators and drivers, or respect the distance of a meter.

Drivers cannot access to the offices of third companies for no reason, except for the use of the dedicated toilets; an adequate daily cleaning and the presence of suitable sanitizing gel hand washing must be guaranteed.

As to the delivery of parcels, documents and other types of goods, it is permitted without contact with the recipients.

In case of home deliveries, also made by Riders, the goods can be delivered without contact with the

recipient and without the signature of delivery receipt.

Where this is not possible, it will be necessary the use of masks and gloves.

If it is necessary to work with a distance of less than one meter and no other solutions are possible, the use of protective masks is compulsory even for the activity carried out outdoor.

Eventually, companies must ensure, where possible and compatible with the company organization, a shift plan of the employee dedicated to the preparation and reception of shipments and to the loading/unloading operations, with the aim of decreasing as much as possible contact.



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