



Agents Notification

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Sub: Negative COVID-19 Test Result to enable Crew Changes

To: RAK Ports Marine Agents, RAK Ports Tenants

Cc: RAK Ports Management

References: [FTA UAE Circular 12/2020](#) - "Adopting the Protocol of resuming UAE Maritime activities with safety measures and crew changes in UAE Ports and Waters"

[UAE Maritime Activities Return to Work Safely Protocol.](#)

[RAK Ports Notice to Mariners No. 22 of 2020](#) – Vessel Crew Changes Mechanism and Requirement during Covid-19 Pandemic

Please be advised that to enable crew changes in RAK Ports in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, the crew must have a negative COVID-19 test result before being processed out of the port. RAK Ports will take a pragmatic view on COVID-19 test results issued in the ship's previous port, or vessels arriving from a port after 14 days, to help expedite the process. Off signers must hold a valid airline ticket with confirmed seat for the Immigration officer to verify the flight schedule prior to stamping crew passport.

In order to facilitate this process, the port will:

- Vessels alongside – allow to remain on the berth if there is no follow on until the results are confirmed or depart to anchor at no charge for three extra days.
- Vessels OPL – vessel will be permitted to use RAK Ports anchorages for three days, other than conservancy there will be no charge, if undertaking crew change.

A note of caution, it will be for the vessel to manage how best to segregate joining and departing crew to avoid any contamination whilst waiting COVID-19 results.

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