



# **Agents Notification**

**No. 02 of 2020 - 27<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

**Sub: Requirement of Negative COVID-19 Test Result for Crew Sign-on**

**To:** RAK Ports Marine Agents, RAK Ports Tenants  
**Cc:** RAK Ports Management  
**Ref:** Notice to Mariners No. 22 of 2020 – Vessel Crew Changes Mechanism and Requirement during Covid-19 Pandemic  
Agents Notification 01 of 2020 - Negative COVID-19 Test Result to enable Crew Changes

Recently, a corona virus positive case was detected from a crew member who had just joined a vessel berthed alongside.

The crewman had no symptoms of COVID-19, a valid negative COVID-19 test result from his home country and had successfully undergone thermal screening prior joining the vessel. Regrettably, the test result conducted at the Dubai airport was positive a day after the crew joined his vessel. Thus, vessel was required to undergo a quarantine period for 14 days.

Therefore, to avoid above circumstances and vessel delays in future, marine agents / vessel owners are advised to ensure, all sign-on crew hold a valid negative COVID-19 PCR test result conducted within UAE prior to joining the vessel.

**Capt. Michael Magee**

Group Harbour Master, RAK Ports

*Status of previously published notices*

2020: 01