



South African Maritime Safety Authority

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Implementation of March 2020 National Ports Act (COVID-19 Restrictions on the movement of persons and crew) Regulations, 2020.

TO ALL REGIONAL MANAGERS, PRINCIPAL OFFICERS, SURVEYORS, HARBOUR MASTERS, VESSELS, MASTERS, OWNERS, SEAFARERS, SEAFARER PLACEMENTS AGENCIES, SHIP MANAGERS AND AGENTS OF PASSENGER VESSELS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS

To be read in conjunction with Marine Notice 15 of 2020, Marine Notice 14 of 2020, Marine Notice 13 of 2020 and Marine Notice 25 of 2014

Summary

This Marine Notice clarifies the application of the National Ports Act (COVID-19 Restrictions on the movement of persons and crew) Regulations, 2020 to certain vessels. This Marine Notice shall not apply to any other vessel, other than the named vessels contained within this Marine Notice.

The National Ports Act (COVID-19 Restrictions on the movement of persons and crew) Regulations, 2020 where promulgated on the 18th March 2020. Regulation 3(2).

The following vessels were either already on route to, or berthed in, a South African port prior to the publication of these regulations.

1. Aidamira	IMO 9172777	Docked in Cape Town
2. Norwegian Spirit	IMO 9141065	Anchored in Cape Town
3. Silver Cloud	IMO 8903923	Docked in Cape Town
4. Arcadia	IMO 9226906	Docked in Durban
5. Astor	IMO 8506373	Docked in Durban
6. MSC Orchestra	IMO 9320099	Docked in Durban

Prior to these regulations being promulgated, these vessels were planned to call at the specified South African port. These vessels were scheduled to receive bunkers, victuals, disembark passengers and complete crew changes in South Africa. In light of the regulations as well as real risk of contamination posed by these vessels, the following measures shall apply:

- Each of the vessels will be allowed access into the port for purposes of disembarking passengers, receive bunkers and provisions.
- The disembarkation of passengers will follow the already established protocol wherein all passengers will be screened for any signs that warrant further investigation and will be carried out by the Department of Health.
- The passengers are required to leave the country via the quickest possible means as directed by the Department of Home Affairs.
- Once provisioned, the vessel is required to also leave the port.

It is to be noted that these are *transitional arrangements only* applicable to the specified vessels for the specified reason.

There shall be no other passenger vessels handled by any of the South African ports while the regulations remain in force.

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