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Cabinet Regulation No. 662 adopted on 28 September 2021 “Epidemiological Safety Measures for the Containment of the Spread of COVID-19 Infection” as amended (<https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/326513-epidemiological-safety-measures-for-the-containment-of-the-spread-of-covid-19-infection>) prescribes the epidemiological safety measures to be taken for the containment of the spread of COVID-19 infection:

4. Rules for Entering the Republic of Latvia

4.1. General Conditions of Entry

143. Based on the information published by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, and, where required, based on the information published by the competent public health authorities of the relevant countries, the Centre shall publish on its website a list of those countries to which special precautionary and restrictive measures (high-risk countries) are applicable, and also shall indicate those countries where such epidemiological situation has been established (including especially high COVID-19 morbidity or rapid spread of SARS-CoV-2 virus strains dangerous to the public health) which may cause a serious threat to the public health (particularly high-risk countries). The relevant precautionary and restrictive measures are applied from the day following the publication of the abovementioned list, except for the cases referred to in this Chapter regarding the conditions for entry in the Republic of Latvia which enter into effect within two working days after publication of the abovementioned list.

145. The conditions referred to in this Chapter shall not restrict the movement of vehicles, including carriage of passengers and carriage of freight.

146. Entering into the Republic of Latvia from particularly high-risk countries (countries where such epidemiological situation has been established, including particularly high COVID-19 morbidity or rapid spread of SARS-CoV-2 virus strains dangerous to the public health, which can cause a serious threat to the public health) is prohibited, unless it has been laid down otherwise in this Regulation.

4.2. Exceptions to the General Conditions of Entry

167. The requirements referred to in Paragraph 146 of this Regulation shall not apply to:

167.1. the children under the age of 12 years;

167.2. the employees of the transport and carriage of passengers service providers and to the crews of passenger, freight, or technical voyages also when they are going to the place where they perform their work duties or when they are returning from it. Professional drivers of goods vehicles and buses shall, upon request of the State Border Guard or the State Police, present a driver's licence of the relevant category as well as the driver card of a digital tachograph or the record sheet of the last working day, and a Certificate for International Transport Workers issued by the employer the form and content of which corresponds to the template developed by the European Commission;

167.3. seafarers who must reach their work place aboard a ship or must return from it;

167.4. the aircraft passengers who cross the territory of the Republic of Latvia in transit without leaving airport terminals and can present a confirmation of the next flight which takes place within the next 24 hours; 170. The refusal of entry from particularly high-risk countries shall not apply to a person who enters the Republic of Latvia for the urgently necessary purpose of employment, execution of obligations or invitations stipulated by law enforcement authorities (Office of the Prosecutor, court), training, studies, family reunification, receipt of medical services, transit or

accompanying of minor children, and also to return to his or her place of permanent residence or to attend a funeral or who enters due to other humanitarian reasons.

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170. The refusal of entry from particularly high-risk countries shall not apply to a person who enters the Republic of Latvia for the urgently necessary purpose of employment, execution of obligations or invitations stipulated by law enforcement authorities (Office of the Prosecutor, court), training, studies, family reunification, receipt of medical services, transit or accompanying of minor children, and also to return to his or her place of permanent residence or to attend a funeral or who enters due to other humanitarian reasons.

For further updated information please consult <https://likumi.lv/ta/id/326513-epidemiologiskas-drosibas-pasakumi-covid-19-infekcijas-izplatibas-ierobezosana>

Certificates: measures taken with regard expiring ship/crew certificates.

See last section.

Inspections: measures taken with regards to PSC, flag state, Security, etc

In order to limit the spread of Covid-19, Maritime Administration of Latvia has made changes in provision of some services (<https://www.lja.lv/en/node/824>):

1. Registry of Seamen: The services – submission or reception of documents, and assessment of the competency of seafarers – are provided by appointment only (to register, call the information phone: +371 67099419).

2. Registry of Ships: Ship Register services are provided remotely, calling +371 67062162 -/165 -/164 and submitting all relevant documents by e-mail: kr@lja.lv or post to address Trijādības iela 5, Rīga, LV-1048, Latvija marked “Kuģu reģistram”.

3. Maritime Safety Inspectorate provides services in a routine manner.

4. Ship and Port Security Inspectorate provides services in a routine manner.

Any other measure not considered above

Information on Seaman's discharge books and Certification of seafarers is available on the website of Maritime Administration of Latvia (<https://www.lja.lv/en/node/824>).