



## TRANSIT OF SEAFARERS IN THE SCHENGEN AREA

With reference to the judgment of the Court of Justice of 05/02/2020 and to the different interpretations it has created, it is our duty to clarify the procedures of transit for seafarers in the territories belonging to the Schengen area.

Seafarers from third countries whose nationals must be in possession of a visa when crossing the external borders for embarkation, re-embarkation or disembarkation from a vessel on which they will work or have worked as seafarers (Reference standard REG (Ce) 810/2009):

- **Boarding:** travel plan with booking of tickets, employment contract, letters of guarantee signed by a Registered Ship Agent of the port in which the crew will embark.
- **Disembarkation:** travel plan with booking of tickets, letter of disembarkation or holidays, letter of guarantee signed by the Ship Agent of the port in which the seafarer will disembark.

For seafarers from third countries whose nationals are exempt from the visa requirement (reference legislation REG (EU) 2016/399):

- **Embarkation / disembarkation / holiday rotation:** seafarer's identity documents issued pursuant to Conventions No. 108 (1958) or No. 185 (2003) of the International Labor Organization (ILO) on seafarers' identity documents (seamen's book) printed FAL 5, of the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, showing the seafarer's position on board, contract of employment, letter from the Ship Agent attesting the ETA of the ship in the port where the boarding will take place or a copy of the communications made to the authorities in the port where the disembarkation has happened.

With the presentation of the above documentation, the seafarer's passport will not have to be stamped on entry/exit.

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