

Busan National Quarantine Station

To : Recipients in CC

(Forward)

Title : Notice on the change of regulation regarding submission of PCR Negative Certificate for vessels departing from Enhanced Quarantine Required Countries including Russia

1. Relevant document: Guidelines for submitting PCR Negative Certificate for vessels departing from Enhanced Quarantine Required Countries and Russia (Quarantine Policy Division, Infectious Disease Crisis Response Bureau, Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency)

2. From 3rd August 2020 (Monday), **mandatory submission of PCR Negative Certificate has been in effect, which is to be** issued by an inspection agency recognized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs within 48 hours before departure, for seafarers on board vessels departing from Enhanced Quarantine Required Countries* and Russia.

* (Enhanced Quarantine Required Countries) Pakistan, Bangladesh, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Philippine, Uzbekistan

3. In this regard, we inform you of **the changes in regulations in regards to the submission of the PCR Negative Certificate as per the attached document**. Please refer to the document.

○ Effective date: 20th October 2020 (Tuesday)

Attachment: Notice of change in regulation in regards to submission of PCR Negative Certificate to the port National Quarantine Stations (2020.10.20.). End.

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□ (Port) Notice of changes in regulation regarding submission of PCR Negative Certificate for vessels which have departed from Enhanced Quarantine Required Countries and Russia

※ Enforcement of mandatory submission of PCR Negative Certificate to vessels departing from Enhanced Quarantine Required Countries and Russia (8.3.~)

1) Circumstances where vessels are exempted from submitting the PCR Negative Certificate among vessels entering Korea. (In the following cases, it is judged that it was not initially planned to call at Korean ports or it would have been difficult to know of the possible call to Korean ports.)

① Case where 28 days* have passed since departure from Enhanced Quarantine Required Countries and Russia, and the vessel has called at two or more countries before entering Korea;

* Calculated as twice the presymptomatic period (14 days) for COVID-19, taking reference of the WHO guideline

ex) Enhanced Quarantine Required Countries (Departure on 9.3.)→ Country A→ Country B→ Korea (Arrival on 10.3.)

※ Countries A, B, and C are other than Enhanced Quarantine Required Countries and Russia

② Case where there was no initial plan to call at Korean port or case where the vessel is entering Korean port to take shelter from bad weather conditions

③ Cases of other reasons where calling at Korean ports was not initially planned but it has become unavoidable, the director of the National Quarantine Station will determine the exemption

2) Circumstances where a PCR Negative Certificate was issued within 48 hours before the departure, but the departure was delayed due to the following reasons, resulting in the documents not meeting the standard → If the reason can be verified, it is not considered as not meeting the standard

① Delay of departure due to bad weather conditions such as high waves and natural disasters.

② Delay of departure due to breakdown of the transportation.

③ Circumstances Where the director of the National Quarantine Station determines that the departure was delayed due to unavoidable reasons

3) Changes in Diagnostic Inspection Standards (10.19.~)

Existing/previous	Change
<p>③ Total diagnostic inspection of all crew members of a vessel when there is substandard* submission or failure of submission in respect to the mandatory submission of 'PCR Negative Certificate' regulation * Issued beyond the 48 hours window or issued by an undesignated agency</p>	<p>③ <u>Diagnostic inspection of only the relevant crew member with substandard* submission or failure of submission in respect to the mandatory submission</u> of 'PCR Negative Certificate' regulation * Issued beyond the 48 hours window or issued by an undesignated agency</p>

※ In the case of 1), the vessel is not excluded from the PCR Negative Certificate submission required vessel so the 「The regulation of mandatory submission of the 'PCR Negative Certificate」 does not apply.

4) Definition of valid period of PCR Negative Certificate (Airport/Port)

- If the issuance time of the PCR Negative Certificate exceeds 48 hours from the departure date, the document shall be deemed to be a sub-standard document.
- ※ Example) Apply 00:00 hours to departure date
 - On departure from 01:00 October 5, only documents issued after 00:00 on October 3 shall be accepted
 - On departure from 10:00 October 5, only documents issued after 00:00 on October 3 shall be accepted
 - On departure from 23:00 October 5, only documents issued after 00:00 on October 3 shall be accepted