

MCA COVID-19 Advice and Guidance					
No.	Document Title	Date Created	Expiry Date	Source	Summary of Content Topics and Notes
1	MIN 611 (M+F) - Guidance and Information to Follow in the Event of COVID-19 Outbreak Impacting UK Seafarer Services	Mar-20	09/03/2021	MCA, SCMS / .GOV	Guidelines to mitigate disruption to delivery services leading to the issue of UK CoC and CEC.
2	MIN 612 (M+F) - Coronavirus (COVID-19): MCA Approach to Survey and Certification of UK Vessels (Amendment 3)	05/06/2020	16/09/2020	MCA, SCMS / .GOV	MCA Policy with respect to UK Vessels prevented from arranging Surveys, Inspections and Audits required for compliance with relevant SI's due to COVID-19.
3	MIN 613 (M) - NAVIGATION: Vessel Traffic Services - COVID-19 Impact and Safety Measures	Mar-20	31/12/2020	MCA, SCMS / .GOV	Information and Guidance to ensure continued level of safety of shipping, maritime users, members of the public and the protection of the marine environment, where a VTS authority may need to reduce or otherwise downgrade one or more of its services.
4	MIN 614 (M+F) - UK Ship Register Approach to Registration Services for UK Vessels	Mar-20	24/09/2020	MCA, SCMS / .GOV	Plans to mitigate disruption to essential ship registration activities.
5	MIN 615 (M) - The Support for Maritime Training (SMarT) Fund during the COVID-19 Period	09/04/2020	14/07/2020	MCA, SCMS / .GOV	A summary of the UK Governments additional financial support to assist cadets during the COVID-19 outbreak.
6	MIN 616 (M) COVID 19 - minimising risk to ships' crews and maritime sector workers	24/04/2020	24/09/2020	MCA, SCMS / .GOV	A note to draw attention to UK Government guidance for companies and employers regarding management and mitigation of COVID-19 Provides links to relevant official UK Government guidance including testing of essential workers who are self-isolating.
7	MIN 618 (M+F) – COVID-19 Guidance on the Reporting of Occupational Diseases	12/05/2020	30/09/2020	MCA, SCMS / .GOV	Guidance on the reporting of diagnosed COVID-19 cases among seafarers on board ships, where there is reasonable evidence that it was caused by exposure at work.
8	MIN 620 (M) - Update on Online Oral Exams and the Future Issue of Notice of Eligibilities During the COVID-19 Lockdown Period	05/06/2020	04/12/2020	MCA, SCMS / .GOV	Advises on the process for online oral examinations and the order in which they will be prioritised. Provides information on the process for applying for a Notice of Eligibility (NOE) and the order in which they will be issued.
9	Coronavirus (COVID-19): Contingency Plan and Guidelines for the services provided to Seafarers and Shipowners by the MCA.	N/A	N/A	.GOV	

10	Coronavirus (COVID-19): Maritime Labour Convention 2006	01/03/2020	31/08/2020	.GOV	Guidance to companies on: Seafarers who are onboard vessel beyond their contracts for reasons connected with the Covid-19 virus. SEA to be kept in place until repatriated. Carry over of annual leave/deferring repatriation of crews. Extended periods of working, loss of morale, signs of fatigue. To be reviewed at monthly intervals starting 1st May.
11	Coronavirus (COVID-19): MCA approved course delivery and Oral and Written Examination information			.GOV	Not aimed at seafarers but of mention. Advice to MCA-Approved colleges and education providers on acceptable means of delivering long courses, suspension of oral exams, limitations on written exams and limitations on STCW short courses.
12	Coronavirus (COVID-19): Guidance for revalidation of Boatmasters' Licences, issue of Discharge books and Ships Cook Certificates of Competency			.GOV	Guidance covering the application for Ship's Cook CoC and Discharge Books.
13	Coronavirus (COVID-19): Revised medical certification policy information for Merchant Seafarers and Fishermen			.GOV	New medical fitness certificates may not be available during the pandemic. Exceptions for medical fitness certificates on UK Flagged vessels which have expired or are due to expire imminently. NEW Revised Exceptions for ENG 1 and acceptable equivalent medical certificate (MSN 1815) holders on UK Flagged Vessels during the pandemic period MCA Medical Reviews: No new face to face reviews by independent referees will be conducted.
14	Coronavirus (COVID-19): Guidance for Vessels having difficulties requiring replacement Medical Stores			.GOV	Provision of an exception letter for inspection purposes where medical stores cannot be replenished in line with the requirements of The Merchant Shipping (Medical Stores) Regulations 1995 (SI 1995 No. 1802).
15	Guidance for shipping and sea ports on coronavirus (COVID-19)			.GOV	What to do if you have had a person with confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) in a marine setting, specific actions and useful links. Targets Ships and Sea Ports.

Advice for IMO Member's States, Seafarers and Shipping (IMO Circ. No. 4204)

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1	Circular Letter No.4204/Add.19 (2 June 2020) - Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Guidance for flag States regarding surveys and renewals of certificates during the COVID-19 pandemic	02/06/2020		IMO	Provides guidance on the extension of validity of certificates and issuance of short-term certificates.
2	Circular Letter No.4204/Add.18 (26 May 2020) - Joint Statement IMO-ICAO-ILO on designation of seafarers, marine personnel, fishing vessel personnel, offshore energy sector personnel, aviation personnel, air cargo supply chain personnel and service provider personnel at airports and ports as key workers, and on facilitation of crew changes in ports and airports in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic	26/05/2020		IMO	Joint statement from IMO, ICAO and ILO regarding the facilitation of crew changes in ports and airports during the Covid-19 pandemic.
3	Circular Letter No.4204/Add.17 (21 May 2020) - Coronavirus (COVID 19) – Preparing for post COVID-19 operations: considerations and practicalities for port community systems, single window and other electronic exchange platforms	21/05/2020		IMO	
4	Circular Letter No.4204/Add.16 (6 May 2020) - Coronavirus (COVID 19) – COVID-19 related guidelines for ensuring a safe shipboard interface between ship and shore-based personnel	06/05/2020		IMO	Implementation of practical, risk-based measures to address Covid-19 risks for all personnel involved in ship/shore interface.
5	Circular Letter No.4204/Add.15 (6 May 2020) - Coronavirus (COVID 19) - Personal protective equipment	06/05/2020		IMO	WHO information on PPE to support decisions on use of PPE for seafarers. Highlights MLC requirements for the protection of the health and safety of seafarers.
6	Circular Letter No.4204/Add.14 (5 May 2020) - Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Recommended framework of protocols for ensuring safe ship crew changes and travel during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic	05/05/2020		IMO	Recommendations about measure to facilitate ship crew changes in ports during the Covid-19 pandemic.

7	Circular Letter No.4204/Add.13 (5 May 2020) - Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Recommendations for Governments and relevant national authorities on facilitating the movement of offshore energy sector personnel during the COVID-19 pandemic	05/05/2020		IMO	
8	Circular Letter No.4204/Add.12 (27 April 2020) - Coronavirus (COVID 19) – Declaration by Port Authorities Roundtable (PAR) members in view of the global COVID-19 situation	27/04/2020		IMO	Port authority's collaboration to share best practices in ensuring that port operations can remain uninterrupted.
9	Circular Letter No.4204/Add.11 (24 April 2020) - Coronavirus (COVID 19) - EC Guidelines on protection of health, repatriation and travel arrangements for seafarers, passengers and other persons on board ships	24/04/2020		IMO	Prepared by the European Commission. IMO distributes to all member states. Guidelines on protection of health, repatriation and travel arrangements for seafarers, passengers and other persons on board ships.
10	Circular Letter No.4204/Add.10 (22 April 2020) - Joint Statement IMO-WHO-ILO on medical certificates of seafarers, ship sanitation certificates and medical care of seafarers in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic	22/04/2020		IMO	Joint Statement IMO-WHO-ILO Medical certificates of seafarers, ship sanitation certificates and medical care of seafarers Targets health, labour, port State control and maritime authorities, at both national and local levels.
11	Circular Letter No.4204/Add.9 (16 April 2020) - Joint Statement IMO-WCO on the integrity of the global supply chain during the COVID-19 pandemic	16/04/2020		IMO	Joint Statement between IMO and WCO (World Customs Organisation). To assist states in ensuring that health measures are implemented in ways that minimise unnecessary interference to international traffic and trade. Targets customs administrations and port state authorities at national and local level.
12	Circular Letter No.4204/Add.8 (14 April 2020) - Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Video meeting with port State control (PSC) regimes (includes joint statement and statements and/or relevant temporary guidance issued by the United States, the Acuerdo de Viña del Mar and the Caribbean, Indian Ocean, Mediterranean, Paris and Tokyo MOUs	14/04/2020		IMO	Targets flag Administrations and port State and coastal State authorities.

13	Circular Letter No.4204/Add.7 (3 April 2020) - Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Guidance concerning unforeseen delays in the delivery of ships	03/04/2020		IMO	Guidance on unified interpretations regarding delivery of ships.
14	Circular Letter No.4204/Add.6 (27 March 2020) Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Preliminary list of recommendations for Governments and relevant national authorities on the facilitation of maritime trade during the COVID-19 pandemic	27/03/2020		IMO	Presents the outcome of the G20 Leaders Summit on Covid-19 which addressed international trade disruptions.
15	Circular Letter No.4204/Add.5/Rev.1 (2 April 2020) Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Guidance relating to the certification of seafarers and fishing vessel personnel	02/04/2020		IMO	Guidance on crew certification during the pandemic.
16	Circular Letter No.4204/Add.4 (5 March 2020) contains ICS Coronavirus (COVID-19) Guidance for ship operators for the protection of the health of seafarers	05/03/2020		IMO	International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) guidance on the protection of the health and safety of seafarers.
17	Circular Letter No.4204/Add.3 (2 March 2020) - Operational considerations for managing COVID-19 cases/outbreak on board ships	02/03/2020		IMO	Operational considerations for managing Covid-19 cases/outbreak on board ships, prepared by WHO.
18	Circular Letter No.4204/Add.2 (21 February 2020) contains the Joint Statement IMO-WHO on the Response to the COVID-19 Outbreak and encourages Member States and international organizations to disseminate it as widely as possible. Available in the six official languages of the United Nations system.	21/02/2020		IMO	Joint statement from IMO and WHO to assist in ensuring health measures are implemented in ways that minimise unnecessary interference with international traffic and trade.
19	Circular Letter No.4204/Add.1 (19 February 2020) provides advice on Implementation and enforcement of relevant IMO instruments	19/02/2020		IMO	Includes list of IMO instruments which contain relevant provisions to the impact on shipping caused by Covid-19.

All guidance is up to date as of 5th June 2020, however both the MCA and IMO are regularly updating their advice and guidance on the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic and so it is advised to check the websites below for any updates:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/seafarer-coronavirus-information>
- <http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx>