

**ANNOUNCEMENT TO SHIPPING  
IJmond North Sea Canal Area  
Central Nautical Management**

Announcement No. 46/2021 (replaces Basijn 18/2020)

IJmuiden, dated 1 September 2021

Subject: Procedures for shipping on Coronavirus

The Director of the Central Nautical Management North Sea Canal Area, who is also the (State) Harbour Master, announces the following:

Port of Amsterdam requests every ship making an international voyage and every fishing ship making a multi-day trip to submit a Maritime Declaration of Health (MDoH) prior to arrival - irrespective of the health situation on board. The MDoH must be submitted not later than 6 hours prior to the ship's arrival at the pilot station and may not be older than 24 hours.

With effect from 1 September 2021, the MDoH must be submitted by the agent to the *Haven Operatie Centrum* (Harbour Operations Centre) at IJmuiden through Portbase.

Ships not making an international voyage (not calling at a foreign port) are not required to submit the MDoH prior to arrival, provided that there are no more than 10 seafarers on board and that there will be no crew change at sea or at the anchorage.

Ships are required to submit the MDoH if Port of Amsterdam explicitly request this. The MDoH must also be submitted to Port of Amsterdam if there are any symptoms that can be associated with a COVID infection. In case of a positive MDoH, Port of Amsterdam will forward this MDoH to the regional *GGD* (Municipal Health Service). If the MDoH is not yet available or not complete, Port of Amsterdam requires the following information to be provided:

- Whether there are any crew members with complaints that may be associated with COVID-19;
- Whether any measures have been taken on board, such as isolation of persons with complaints associated with COVID-19, or whether any other persons are placed in quarantine.

Port of Amsterdam will issue 'Free Pratique' if the MDoH is negative or if there are no crew members on board with complaints that may be associated with COVID-19.

**Please Note:** During the stay in port, ships are required to report any change in the health situation on board. Changes must be reported to the Harbour Operations Centre at IJmuiden by telephone at +31 205 234 600, option 1, or by email at [VTSadmin@portofamsterdam.com](mailto:VTSadmin@portofamsterdam.com).

Should you have any questions about this Announcement, please contact the Duty Operations Manager at the following telephone number: +31 205 234 692.

The Director of the Central Nautical Management North Sea Canal Area, who is also the (State) Harbour Master

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