

Marine Notice No. 02 of 2022

Amended 10/06/2022

Notice to all Shipowners, Fishing Vessel Owners, Agents, Shipmasters, Skippers, Fishers, Yachtsmen and Seafarers

COVID-19 – Change of requirements for Maritime Declarations of Health

The Department of Transport has been informed that, following a review of current circumstances locally and internationally by the Health Services Executive (HSE) and Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC), it has been decided to stand down the requirements set out in Marine Notice No. 06 of 2020 – "Covid-19 (2019-nCoV) – Maritime Declarations of Health".

Therefore, from Monday 10 January 2022, there is no longer a requirement for every vessel arriving in Ireland from outside the island of Ireland to issue a Maritime Declaration of Health (MDOH).

In line with the requirements of the *Infectious Diseases (Shipping) Regulations 2008* (<u>S.I. No. 4 of 2008</u>), a vessel need only submit a MDOH when:

- 1) There is a case, or a suspected case, of an infectious disease on board and this has resulted in illness or death, or
- 2) upon a request to do so as part of a local arrangement with local Port Health Authorities.

MDOH if required, should be submitted to SafeSeasIreland as part of the vessel's pre-arrival notification

Further queries relating to the submission of Maritime Declarations of Health may be directed to the Environmental Health Service at the following email address: PHOU@hse.ie.

Additional guidance from the HSE website on COVID-19 in Ireland is available at the following website: https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/.

Marine Notice No. 06 of 2020 is hereby withdrawn.

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