



# SHIP SAFETY BULLETIN

Bulletin No.: 07/2020  
RDIMS No.: 16383043  
Date: 2020-03-21  
Y - M - D

We issue Ship Safety Bulletins for the marine community. Visit our Website at [www.tc.gc.ca/ssb-bsn](http://www.tc.gc.ca/ssb-bsn) to view existing bulletins and to sign up to receive e-mail notices of new ones.



**Subject:** MARINE TRANSPORTATION MODE

This bulletin has been replaced by Ship Safety Bulletin No. [09/2020](#)

## *Purpose*

To inform you of the necessity to ensure the unrestricted movement of seafarers (crew members) and all other essential workers that provide essential services to vessels and to the broader marine sector.

## *Scope*

The marine transportation sector provides a vital service to all Canadians in ensuring that goods (food, medicine, supplies to health care sector, and other essential products) arrive safely in our ports. This applies to international trade, as well as domestically (all provinces and territories).

## *Background*

Crew changes are regular occurrences in the maritime sector. Once seafarers finish their required sea service, they travel home to their families and a relief crew must replace them. Employees supporting the marine sector (Coast Guard vessel traffic management staff, marine suppliers and other essential contractors, etc.) also move domestically across all provinces and territories to ensure essential support to marine ports and the marine sector. This includes the suppliers and contractors required to do vessel repairs and provide vessel supplies. Exchanges in personnel and movement of marine sector employees are critical to the flow of marine trade and community resupply.

The marine sector is important to the well-being of the Canadian economy and is vital for the integrity of the overall supply chain.

## **Keywords:**

1. Coronavirus
2. Essential services
3. Crew exemption

## **Questions concerning this Bulletin should be addressed to:**

Transport Canada  
Marine Safety and Security  
Tower C, Place de Ville  
330 Sparks Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N8

**Contact us at:** [marinesafety-securitemaritime@tc.gc.ca](mailto:marinesafety-securitemaritime@tc.gc.ca) or 1-855-859-3123 (Toll Free).