



Permanent Notice to Mariners № 15 of 2021

(Revised requirements for the submission of Maritime Declaration of Health forms)

**To the owners and operators of both private and Commercial vessels arriving in Jersey.
Requirements for the submission of Maritime Declarations of Health.**

During the previous 18 months requirements to protect the Island from the effects of COVID 19 have required all vessels arriving in Jersey to submit prior to arrival a Maritime Declaration of Health form through St Helier VTS. With effect from Monday 8th November the requirements will revert to the pre-existing requirements in the Public Health (Ships) (Jersey) Order 1971

Reference: Public Health (Jersey) Order 1971

[Public Health \(Ships\) \(Jersey\) Order 1971 \(jerseylaw.je\)](http://jerseylaw.je)

With effect from Monday 8th November 2021 the submission of Maritime Declarations of Health is only required in the following circumstances:

1. When there is on board a ship before arrival a person who is suffering from an infectious disease or who has symptoms which may indicate the presence of infectious disease which require a positive answer to any question relating to health in the Maritime Declaration of Health , or when there are on board a ship before arrival any other similar circumstances requiring the attention of the medical officer.
2. Vessels which have in the last 4 weeks called at a foreign port other than a port in Belgium, Metropolitan France, Greece, the Republic of Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain and the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, unless the master has either been notified by the medical officer that compliance with those provisions is necessary on account of danger to public health or during the voyage has met a ship which has proceeded from a foreign port outside the excepted area.

Where the vessel is required to submit a Maritime Declaration of Health the master shall –

- (a) if the ship is equipped with a suitable radio transmitting apparatus, send before arrival, either directly to the harbour master or through an agent approved by the Minister a radio message complying with paragraph (2);
 - (b) if the ship is not so equipped, notify the harbour master, whenever practicable before arrival and otherwise immediately on arrival, of the presence on board of such infectious disease, symptoms or other similar circumstances.
- (2) Any radio message sent for the purpose of this Article shall –
- (a) be sent so as **to reach the harbour master not more than 12 hours, and whenever practicable not less than 4 hours**, before the expected arrival of the ship;
 - (b) if it is in code, conform with Part VIII of the International Code of Signals

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