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Subject: MARINE TRANSPORTATION MODE

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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.

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1. Coronavirus
2. Essential services
3. Crew exemption

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

