



Marine Notice No. 22 of 2020

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Covid-19 Passenger Locator Form

This Marine Notice is being issued on behalf of the Department of Health to inform industry that the Minister for Health has updated S.I. 181 of 2020 - Health Act 1947 (Section 31A-Temporary Requirements) (Covid-19 Passenger Locator Form) Regulations 2020, making it mandatory for all persons arriving into Ireland from overseas, including Irish Citizens, to complete a Covid-19 Passenger Locator Form either in electronic or hard copy format. International arrivals from non-green list locations are also asked to restrict their movements for 14 days. Further information and a link to the online form is available here - [Online Passenger Locator Form](#).

The Covid-19 Passenger Locator Form may be used by authorities to make follow up contact with a person arriving from overseas to verify their location in the country. For maritime transport, the form will also help contact tracers get in touch with passengers should someone who may have travelled on the same vessel as them be confirmed as having Covid-19.

The revised Passenger Locator Form is linked to the implementation of the EU traffic light approach. In line with this approach, travellers from [green regions](#), or those arriving from Northern Ireland, are not asked to restrict their movements.

Currently, all passengers entering Ireland from [orange, red, and grey regions](#) are requested to restrict their movements for 14 days.

This general request to restrict movement for 14 days does not apply to certain defined categories, as indicated below:

(a) International Transport Workers, including workers in aviation, maritime and road haulage sectors

(b) From 9 November, travellers with an essential function or need as set out in [paragraph 19 of the EU Council Recommendation](#), including:

- I. Passengers travelling for the purposes of an imperative business reason, only while carrying out that essential function
- II. Passengers arriving for imperative family reasons, only while pursuing that imperative reason

(c) Children aged 6 or under

(d) Passengers arriving from an “orange” region, who have received a negative/’not detected’ PCR test result during the three days before arriving in Ireland. Passengers are requested to have supporting evidence of the negative test in their possession.

Passengers can indicate on the Passenger Locator Form if they are travelling with an essential purpose as defined by Council Recommendation 2020/1475 and may be asked for evidence in support of this.

Passengers who are leaving the port or airport but will not be residing in the State overnight because they are travelling on to Northern Ireland or overseas must complete the form but do not need to provide details of where they will reside for the following 14 days.

For clarity, a passenger arriving from a location on the green list is required to complete the passenger locator form.

An international transport worker is a person who holds a valid Annex 3 Certificate in accordance with the Communication from the EU Commission on the implementation of the Green Lanes under the guidance for border management measures to protect health and ensure the availability of goods and ensure services. These Certificates may be issued by employers to their employees, who are necessary for the safe operation of their vessel. A copy of the Annex 3 certificate can be found on the final page of the document here –

[Annex 3.](#)

Owners/operators are requested to facilitate distribution of the link to the form to enable passengers to complete it up to 48 hours prior to arrival. Owners/operators are also requested to continue to make hard copy forms available on board and Masters are requested to continue making on-board announcements detailing:

1. the legal requirement for passengers to complete the form,
2. where they can locate the form online;
3. the availability of hard copies on-board if online access is not available to the passenger; and
4. to note that immigration officers will be verifying completion of the online form or collecting hard copy forms as appropriate from passengers after they disembark.

Non-completion of the form is punishable by a fine not exceeding €2,500 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months, or both, for the following:

- failure to complete and verify completion to a relevant person;
- providing information that to the person’s knowledge is false or misleading (whether on the form, when presenting the form, or in subsequent follow-up checks);
- failure to provide further information to a relevant person upon request (who suspects that the form has not been completed properly);
- failure to update residence or contact details if they change within 14 days of arrival into the State.

Owners/operators are requested to update their websites and messaging to passengers with the text set out in the Annex to this Notice.

Note: Marine Notices are issued purely for maritime safety and navigation reasons and should not be construed as conferring rights or granting permissions.

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ANNEX

COVID-19 Important Information Passenger Notice from the Government of Ireland

The following information is to be provided to passengers travelling into Ireland at as many touch points as possible along the journey, for example:

- ✓ Website
- ✓ Post Booking - Pre travel notification to passengers
- ✓ Check –in
- ✓ Announcement at pre-boarding
- ✓ Announcement on board
- ✓ Final reminder pre-disembarkation announcement

Passengers arriving to Ireland from overseas, including Irish citizens, are legally required by the Irish authorities to complete a COVID-19 Passenger Locator Form. It is a penal offence not to complete the form in the manner specified. It is an offence to provide false or misleading information on the form. The online passenger locator form is available here [Online Passenger Locator Form](#) and takes just a couple of minutes to complete on a computer, mobile phone or other device. Following completion of the Form you will be issued with an email receipt. Further information in relation to the passenger locator form is available here www.gov.ie/locatorform

Passengers will be able to fill out the form during the 48 hours prior to their arrival in the country.

You are obliged by law to present your email receipt or a completed printed version of the form to an officer at your point of entry to the State.

During the 14 days following your arrival the information on the Form may be used:

- to provide you with public health information;
- to contact you to verify that the information on the form is correct; and
- for the purpose of contact tracing in relation to confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19.

The public health measures that apply to all of the population in Ireland, will also apply to all arriving passengers. You can get more information at www.gov.ie/covid19