

1969 AMENDMENT TO THE ANNEX TO THE CONVENTION ON FACILITATION OF INTERNATIONAL MARITIME TRAFFIC LONDON, 9.4.1965

SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. DEFINITIONS

Immediately after the definition of "Crew member" insert the following new definition:

Cruise ship is a ship on an international voyage carrying passengers participating in a group programme and accommodated aboard, for the purpose of making scheduled temporary tourist visits at one or more different ports, and which during the voyage does not normally:

- (a) embark or disembark any other passengers;
- (b) load or discharge any cargo.

SECTION 3 - ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF PERSONS

Immediately after the 3.15.1 Recommended Practice insert the new Sub-Section :

C. FACILITATION FOR SHIPS ENGAGED ON CRUISES AND FOR CRUISE PASSENGERS

Insert in this new Sub-Section the following new Standards and Recommended Practices:

3.16.1 Standard. Public authorities shall authorize granting of pratique by radio to a cruise ship when, on the basis of information received from it prior to its arrival, the health authority for the intended port of arrival is of the opinion that its arrival will not result in the introduction or spread of a quarantinable disease.

3.16.2 Standard. For cruise ships, the General Declaration, the Passenger List and the Crew List shall be required only at the first port of arrival and final port of departure in a country, provided that there has been no change in the circumstances of the voyage.

3.16.3 Standard. For cruise ships, the Ship's Stores Declaration and the Crew's Effects Declaration shall be required only at the first port of arrival in a country.

3.16.4 Standard. Passports or other official documents of identity shall at all times remain in the possession of cruise passengers.

3.16.5 Recommended Practice. If a cruise ship stays at port a for less than 72 hours, it should not be necessary for cruise passengers to have visas, except in special circumstances determined by the Public Authorities concerned.

Note: It is the intention of this Recommended Practice that each contracting state may issue to such passengers or accept from them upon arrival, some form indicating that they have permission to enter the territory.

3.16.6 Standard. Cruise passengers shall not be unduly delayed by the control measures exercised by public authorities.

3.16.7 Standard. In general, except for the purpose of establishing identity, cruise passengers shall not be subject to personal examination by immigration officials.

3.16.8 Standard. If a cruise ship calls consecutively at more than one port in the same country, passengers shall, in general, be examined by public authorities at the first port of arrival and at the final port of departure only.

3.16.9 Recommended Practice. To facilitate their prompt disembarkation, the inward control of passengers on a cruise ship, where practicable, should be carried out on board before arrival at the place of disembarkation.

3.16.10 Recommended Practice. Cruise passengers who disembark at one port and rejoin the same ship at another port in the same country should enjoy the same facilities as passengers who disembark and rejoin a cruise ship at the same port.

3.16.11 Recommended Practice. The Maritime Declaration of Health should be the only health control necessary for cruise passengers.

3.16.12 Standard. Duty-free ship's stores shall be allowed aboard ship for cruise passengers during the ship's stay in port.

3.16.13 Standard. Cruise passengers shall not be required to give a written Customs declaration.

3.16.14 Recommended Practice. Cruise passengers should not be subject to any currency control.

3.16.15 Standard. Embarkation/disembarkation cards shall not be necessary for cruise passengers.

3.16.16 Recommended Practice. Except where passenger control is based solely on the Passenger List the public authorities should not insist on the completion of the following details on the Passenger List :

- Nationality (column 6)
- Date and place of birth (column 7)
- Port of embarkation (column 8)
- Port of disembarkation (column 9)