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No.	Related Documents	Status *
1	Latest version of tide table	Active
2	ISPS ship pre-arrival form (F-51/52.001)	Active
3	Maritime Declaration of Health form (F-51/52.021)	
4	Questions related to the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak (F51/52.034)	Active
5	Questions related to the Ebola outbreak (F51/52.027)	Active
6	Shipping notice 2015/01 Minimum requirements for safe and efficient passage of sea-going vessels in Surinamese waters	Active
7	Relevant NtM, Shipping Notices and Nautical Charts of the area on www.mas.sr	Active

Pilot Exemption Certificate (PEC) Procedure

Within Surinamese waters, ships with a gross tonnage of 50 (fifty) and more are required to use the services of a pilot in accordance with the "Pilotage Act" (S.B. 1981 no. 170) The Maritime Authority Suriname (MAS) is the authority responsible for guaranteeing safe and efficient shipping on Surinamese waters. For a more efficient operation, the MAS grants the captains the opportunity to carry out ship movements without a pilot. The shipping agent can apply for a Pilot Exemption Certificate (PEC) for a captain to sail without a pilot.

This certificate grants the captain permission to sail on a specified route on a specific ship without a pilot for twelve subsequent months.

Conditions and Requirements to apply for a PEC:

- The captain of a ship with a length overall of not more than 120 (one hundred twenty) meters must have sailed the route at least 3 (three) times vice versa, within subsequent twelve months without incidents or accidents, under supervision of a pilot.
- For ships with a length overall of more than 120 (one hundred twenty) meters the captain must have sailed the route at least 12 (twelve) times vice versa, without incidents or accidents within subsequent twelve months, under supervision of a pilot.
- The ship under sail must meet the minimum requirements, as indicated in the relevant shipping notices issued by the MAS, which can be found on the MAS website: www.mas.sr.
- The permission to sail without a pilot will not be granted to captains of:

Ships carrying the following dangerous cargo:
High consequence Dangerous Goods: Class 1, division 1.1 t/m 1.6; class 2.1 and 2.3; class 3; class 4.1; 4.2 and 4.3; class 5.1; class 6.1 and 6.2 and class 8
Cruise ships.
- The following documents of the captain must be submitted for the application of a PEC:
 - documented proof of familiarity with the route to be sailed (logbook / crew list).
 - valid proof of identification (passport non-residents).
 - medical certificate not older than 6 (six) months; and
 - fully completed pilot exemption request forms.

6. Non-refundable administrative cost of USD 150 (one hundred fifty) (new / renewal) or USD 10 (ten) in case of insertion of additional vessel and routes on a PEC certificate.

Procedure to apply for a PEC

The shipping agent must submit a request to the coordinator pilot service through a pilot exemption form at email: orderpilot@mas.sr

Applications will be processed no later than 4 (four) working days after all relevant documents have been submitted.

Procedure for sailing with a PEC

Ship movements without pilot must be communicated through e-mail: orderpilot@mas.sr at least 8 (eight) hours in advance to the MAS by means of a pilot request form with the name of the captain and PEC number. The coordinator will assess the pilot request to ensure that everything is in accordance with the PEC requirements. A conformation e-mail will be sent to the person who send the request.

The captain is obliged to contact the MAS through the Vessel Traffic Control on VHF channel 12 no later than one hour before the start and half an hour after the end of the voyage within Surinamese waters. The other reporting points associated with specific routes, should also be considered as indicated in the shipping notices of these routes.

The MAS always maintains the right to let the ship sail under the supervision of a pilot, even after the issuance of the certificate.

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