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NAVIGATION REGULATION
no. 22/2020

on emergency navigational regime on the waterways of the Slovak Republic

In connection with the danger of public health of II. level due to the COVID-19 illness caused by the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus on the territory of the Slovak Republic, pursuant to § 39 (o) (1) and (2) of the Inland Navigation Act No. 338/2000 as amended, the Transport Authority issues this navigation regulation, by which

from 01.06.2020 until further notice

the following restrictions apply:

The landing, berthing and anchoring of all passenger cabin vessels is prohibited on the Danube waterway and its navigable tributaries. Navigating through is only possible in transit mode, except for the need to replenish fuel and water supplies. In this case, the crew must use personal protective equipment and avoid direct contact with the personnel.

Cargo vessels navigating in transit mode may use the berths on the Danube waterway and its navigable tributaries if they need to comply with the regulations for the working regime of the crew. **It is forbidden for the vessel crew to come ashore in this case.** If necessary, it is possible to replenish fuel and water reserves. In this case, the crew must use personal protective equipment and avoid direct contact with personnel.

Cargo vessels whose destination is a port or a berth in the territory of the Slovak Republic for the purpose of carrying out loading, unloading and transhipping may perform such work without restriction. At the same time, the crew members are obliged to observe the provisions stated in the decree of the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic (hereinafter referred to as „OLP“). **Changing of crew members is possible in the ports of Bratislava and Komárno.**

Replenishing of fuel and water supplies is permitted to all vessels at places designated for this purpose.

Replenishing of food supplies is only possible in the port of Bratislava and the port of Komárno **for vessels whose destination is a port or a berth in the territory of the Slovak Republic.** In case that the crew wants to supply food in the port of Bratislava or Komárno, this is only possible with the use of a mail order service and only between 7:00 and 19:00. In case of mail order service, the master of the vessel or a member of the vessel appointed by him shall inform the responsible employee of the relevant branch office of the Public Ports: in Bratislava (serving employee phone number +421 910 309 099 or Mrs. Caňová, phone number +421 910 915 940), in Komárno (Mrs. Lehoczka, phone number +421 911 309 095), who will subsequently direct the courier of the mail order service to the vessel.

Urgent and long-term planned repairs of vessels are permitted with the emphasis on limiting crew contact with the personnel of repair services in accordance with the OLP.

It is allowed to organize and operate domestic commercial cruises and sightseeing cruises on the waterways of the Slovak Republic, provided that the established anti-epidemiological measures are observed, such as wearing face masks, using rubber gloves or hand disinfection. This permit also applies to small crafts.

Operators of domestic passenger shipping vessels shall comply with the latest OLP.

Vessel operators performing domestic commercial cruise and sightseeing cruises shall inform the Department of the Chief Hygienist of the Ministry of Transport, Námostie slobody č. 6, P.O.BOX 100, 810 05 Bratislava, Slovak Republic.

The domestic operation of small sports and recreational crafts according to the Inland Navigation Act is not restricted.

Navigation to the territory of the Czech Republic along **the Baťa Canal** is permitted. The border between the Slovak Republic and the Czech Republic may be crossed at the river border crossing in Skalica harbour. The harbour operator and the persons using this navigation shall follow the current measures of the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic.

From 28.05.2020, the operation of the ferry boat on the Morava waterway between the villages of Záhorská Ves - Angern / March is permitted. The ferry boat will operate during working days from 07.00. until 19.00 and in accordance with the valid decree of the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic.

In case that pursuant to §39 (1) (p) of the Inland Navigation Act no. 338/2000 the navigation is stopped due to a flood, all vessels are allowed to enter the public ports of the Slovak Republic according to the navigation regulation no. 155/2014.

The rights and obligations arising from other generally binding regulations are not affected by this navigation regulation. At the same time, the navigation regulation no. 20/2020 of 27.05.2020 is withdrawn.

In Bratislava, 01.06.2020

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