

**Infectious Diseases Control (Coronavirus, Quarantine) Regulations 2021  
(S. R. & O. No. 1 of 2021)**

**Quarantine Exemptions Direction No.5**

**Background**

This Direction replaces the Quarantine Exemptions Direction No. 4 dated 12 March 2021.

I make this Direction having consulted the Chief Medical Officer.

The British Antarctic Territory, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands and Tristan da Cunha have had no cases of coronavirus infection. Ascension Island has had very few reported cases of coronavirus infection and no cases of local transmission.

I am satisfied that there is a low risk that any person who has been for more than 14 consecutive days in or travelling between those Overseas Territories and the Falkland Islands immediately before arriving in the Falkland Islands might spread coronavirus to persons in the Falkland Islands.

I am likewise satisfied that persons disembarking from a vessel arriving in the Falkland Islands present a low risk of spreading coronavirus to other persons where they have been at sea for 14 consecutive days or more on a clean vessel. This assessment also applies in the case of passengers or crew who transfer from one vessel to another while at sea provided that all the vessels are “clean” and have not reported any crew member as being symptomatic.

A “clean vessel” includes a vessel that during its voyage has called at an Overseas Territory on the way to the Falkland Islands. Likewise, time spent in the territorial waters of the Falkland Islands, including in our harbours, should be taken into account when assessing whether a vessel is “clean”.

**Direction**

In accordance with regulation 11(3) of the Infectious Diseases Control (Coronavirus, Quarantine) Regulations 2021, I Nigel James Philips C.B.E., make the following direction —

1. This direction replaces the Quarantine Exemptions Directions No.4 dated 12 March 2021, which no longer has effect.

2. In this direction —

“**at sea**” includes time spent in the territorial waters of the Falkland Islands;

“**clean vessel**” means a vessel that —

- (a) has been at sea for more than 14 consecutive days;
- (b) during the period at sea has not arrived in any place other than an Overseas Territory;
- (c) has not reported any person as showing symptoms of coronavirus; and

(d) during the period at sea has only been boarded by persons from, and passengers or members of the crew have only boarded, other vessels that meet the criteria in paragraphs (a)-(c).

“**Overseas Territory**” means South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, the British Antarctic Territory, Tristan da Cunha or Ascension Island; and

“**Regulations**” means the Infectious Diseases Control (Coronavirus, Quarantine) Regulations 2021.

3. A person of a description specified in paragraph 4 or 5 —

(a) is not required to comply with the requirements in Part 3 of the Regulations; and

(b) is not required to take other specified measures to reduce the risk of spreading coronavirus infection.

4. (1) A person arriving from an Overseas Territory who was in that Overseas Territory for more than 14 consecutive days immediately before arriving in the Falkland Islands.

(2) When calculating time spent in an Overseas Territory account may be taken of time spent —

(a) in the Falkland Islands before travelling directly to the Overseas Territory;

(b) travelling directly between the Falkland Islands and the Overseas Territory;

(c) travelling directly between Overseas Territories.

5. A person (“P”) disembarking from a vessel (“V”) arriving in the Falkland Islands and either —

(a) V is a clean vessel; or

(b) if P departed from the Falkland Islands —

(i) since P’s departure —

(aa) V has only been boarded by persons from a clean vessel;

(bb) passengers or members of the crew of V have only boarded another clean vessel;

(cc) no person on board V has been reported as exhibiting any symptom of coronavirus; and

(ii) P either —

(aa) was in quarantine in accordance with the Regulations immediately before embarking on V; or

(bb) immediately before embarking was not required to stay in quarantine and had not exhibited any symptom of coronavirus for at least 14 days.

27 April. 2021

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N. J. PHILLIPS C.B.E.