

Please kindly be informed about the requirement **as of 00.00 hours today, on Tuesday 29 December 2020**, for all nationals (including Dutch and other EU and Schengen nationals) to present a negative COVID-19 test result when arriving in the Netherlands from a high risk area, and the exemption to this requirement that applies to seafarers. The relevant official information is available in English on [the website of the Netherlands government](#).

Please note that currently almost all countries (including all EU Member States) are defined as high risk area. The limited list of countries labelled as non-high risk (safe countries) can be found [here](#).

The exemption that applies to seafarers is defined as follows:

Exceptions to the requirement to present a negative test result

The following people do not need a negative test result:

- *Seafarers who possess a seaman's record book if they are travelling as part of their job, in order to perform work or after performing work. This exemption does not apply to seafarers on commercial yachts and pleasure craft*

Action required: Members are kindly requested to inform us of any new requirement in their Member States and any problems encountered by their companies.