

COVID-SAFE RESTART CRITERIA

FOR REGIONAL FERRY TERMINAL OPERATOR

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Definitions

In this COVID-SAFE restart criteria for Regional Ferry Terminal Operator,

- i. “Workplace” refers to the protected area within the regional ferry terminal of the Regional Ferry Terminal Operator, which may include, arrival/departure halls, jetties/berths, security screening and baggage sorting. “Protected area” refers to any premises in the regional ferry terminal declared in a protected area order to be a protected area under the Infrastructure Protection Act.
- ii. “High-risk zone” refers to the arrival hall, jetties/berths and security screening area within the workplace where operations personnel and shore-based personnel’s risk exposure to a COVID infection is high due to possible contact with arriving passengers and vessel/ferry crew at the regional ferry terminal.
- iii. “Operations personnel” refers to all employees and essential contractors of the Regional Ferry Terminal Operator working in the workplace, where “essential contractors of the Regional Ferry Terminal Operator” refers to entities that the Regional Ferry Terminal Operator contract with to carry out essential regional ferry terminal operations and services (cleaning, security, portage etc).
- iv. “Shore-based personnel” refers to any individual who is not a passenger or member of the crew of the vessel/ferry and (a) is delivering goods or performing services connected to the business of the vessel/ferry; (b) is providing any service to any passenger or member of the crew of the vessel/ferry onboard the vessel/ferry; or (c) is effecting the arrest or detention of a vessel or service of any other legal process, whether or not a contractor or an employee or agent of the owner or agent of the relevant vessel/ferry.
- v. “Authorised visitor” refers to any individual other than those listed in (iii) and (iv) who is permitted by the Regional Ferry Terminal Operator to enter the workplace for official visit purposes.
- vi. “Regional ferry service operators” refers to any entity licensed by MPA to provide regional ferry services under MPA (Port) Regulations 63G.

COVID-Safe Workplace Criteria

Requirement
<p>To resume business activities, the Regional Ferry Terminal Operator must fulfill the requirements below.</p> <p><i>Note: The Government will take action against errant entities, including enforcement under the relevant law, cessation of operations, suspension or revocation of licences.</i></p>
A. Implement a system of Safe Management Measures (SMMs) at the workplace
<p>1) Establish and implement a system of SMMs to provide a safe working environment and minimise risks of outbreaks. Implement the SMMs in a sustainable manner as far as practicable.</p> <p>2) Implement a detailed monitoring plan to ensure compliance with SMMs and issues (e.g. remedy of non-compliance, risk mitigation) are resolved in a timely manner.</p>
B. Pre-screening, wearing of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), and segregation of teams to reduce physical interaction and ensure safe distancing at workplace.
<p>3) Designate the high-risk zone in the workplace. The workplace refers to arrival/departure halls, jetties/berths, security screening and baggage sorting areas accessible only by operations personnel, shore-based personnel, authorised visitors as well as passengers. In respect of COVID-19 infection risks, the arrival hall, jetties/berths and security screening area in the workplace have been assessed as high-risk zone.</p> <p>4) Ensure that all operations personnel working in the high risk zone properly wear the appropriate PPE.</p> <p>5) Avoid deploying operations personnel to work in high risk zone in the workplace who may be more susceptible to COVID-19 and develop serious illness such as seniors above age 60 or those with underlying medical conditions (eg. cardiovascular disease, diabetes, chronic respiratory disease, cancer, etc.).</p> <p>6) Ensure compliance with Rostered Routine Testing (RRT) requirements, if any, as directed by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA).</p> <p>7) The division of operations personnel into different teams (“split teams”), as functionally small as practicable, by discrete projects, risk zones, trades or shifts at the workplace is encouraged. Specifically, operations personnel deployed to work in the high-risk zone are encouraged not to be cross-deployed to work elsewhere in the workplace.</p> <p>8) The Regional Ferry Terminal Operator must incorporate into its SMMs, and ensure that operations personnel and shore-based personnel going on board a vessel/ferry at the regional ferry terminal; and operations personnel and shore-based personnel who come into contact with passengers and/or baggage at the regional ferry terminal, comply with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Must check-in and check-out via the TraceTogether-only SafeEntry at the regional ferry terminal; and b) Must not board a vessel/ferry at the regional ferry terminal; or come into contact with passengers and/or baggage at the regional ferry terminal, if he/she is unwell.

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C. Additional measures for Regional Ferry Terminal Operator for operations personnel and shore-based personnel going on board a vessel/ferry at the regional ferry terminal; and operations personnel and shore-based personnel who come into contact with passengers and/or baggage at the regional ferry terminal.
9) The Regional Ferry Terminal Operator must remind operations personnel and shore-based personnel going on board a vessel/ferry at the regional ferry terminal; or who come into contact with passengers and/or baggage at the regional ferry terminal, to comply with measures in Annex A .
D. Additional measures for Regional Ferry Terminal Operator for harbour craft alongside, or moored at the regional ferry terminal
10) The Regional Ferry Terminal Operator must allow provisions and stores ordered by the harbour craft licence holder to be supplied to the harbour craft and ensure that the delivery of provisions and stores is carried out in a contactless manner.
11) The Regional Ferry Terminal Operator must ensure or make suitable arrangements with the harbour craft licence holder, where applicable, that any unwell LTPH seeks immediate medical advice via telemedicine https://www.moh.gov.sg/licensing-and-regulation/telemedicine or come ashore for medical treatment.
12) The Regional Ferry Terminal Operator must also ensure and make suitable arrangements with the harbour craft licence holder, where applicable, that any mixing or inter-mingling of crew working onboard harbour craft that is alongside or moored at the regional ferry terminal should adhere to prevailing group sizes as promulgated by MOH, if any .
E. Additional measures for Regional Ferry Terminal Operator in relation to regional ferry services operating at the jetties/berths at the regional ferry terminal
13) The Regional Ferry Terminal Operator must ensure that cargo handling operations at the jetties/berths at the regional ferry terminal is carried out in a contactless manner.
14) The Regional Ferry Terminal Operator must allow provisions and stores ordered by the regional ferry service operators to be supplied to their vessel/ferry and ensure that the delivery of provisions and stores is carried out in a contactless manner.

Management of Suspected Cases

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F. Handling of suspect and/or confirmed cases
<p>15) The Regional Ferry Terminal Operator shall encourage its employees to visit only one clinic. However, if this is not possible, the Regional Ferry Terminal Operator must encourage its employees to inform the clinic he/she visits of all recent doctor visits over the past 7 days for any symptoms that may be related to COVID-19.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Regional Ferry Terminal Operator shall require its employees to submit records of their MCs (where available) and diagnoses provided for COVID-19-related symptoms, including acute respiratory infections, and if they were tested for COVID-19 and the results of their tests. b) The Regional Ferry Terminal Operator shall take preventive actions to guard against incipient outbreaks at the workplace, such as requiring its employees on sick leave to closely monitor their health before returning to the workplace and requiring these employees' close contacts at the workplace to monitor their health more regularly. <p>16) The Regional Ferry Terminal Operator shall establish and maintain the following process for the management of all unwell, suspected, and at-risk operations personnel, shore-based personnel, authorised visitors or passengers on-site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Regional Ferry Terminal Operator shall require any operations personnel, shore-based personnel, authorised visitors or passengers who is feeling unwell or showing symptoms of illness to report to his employer, and implement MOH's Health Protocols 1-2-3. The Regional Ferry Terminal Operator must track and record cases involving their employees as part of SMMs. b) For incapacitated or unconscious individuals at the regional ferry terminal – clear the area of other personnel and administer aid immediately, where appropriate. The Regional Ferry Terminal Operator should call 995 for an emergency ambulance to ferry them to the nearest hospital. c) The Regional Ferry Terminal Operator must ensure it has an incident response and evacuation plan (including evacuation route, transport arrangement, designated clinic, etc.) for any suspected/confirmed conscious/ unconscious cases to be included in the SMM plan with necessary and sufficient PPE kept on standby as well as temporary isolation areas/facilities. d) If required by MPA, the Regional Ferry Terminal Operator must inform and provide all information requested by MPA and relevant authorities where there are COVID-19 positive cases detected during the PCR test and/or ART of operations personnel.

COVID-Safe Passenger Terminal Criteria

Requirement
To resume business activities, the Regional Ferry Terminal Operator must fulfill these requirements below.
<i>Note: The Government will take action against errant entities, including enforcement under the relevant law, cessation of operations, suspension or revocation of licences.</i>
G. Ensure cleanliness of terminal premises
17) Regularly clean and disinfect all high touch areas such as queue balustrades, handrails, door knobs/handles, windows, passenger trolley handles, baggage check-in counters, toilets, hand-wash stations, rest spaces, walkways.
18) At all toilet and hand-wash stations, cleaning agents (i.e. hand soap, toilet paper) must be available and/or functioning at all times. Spare supplies for replenishment must be available. Ensure toilet-flushing apparatus is functioning at all times.
19) Disinfecting agents (e.g. hand sanitiser) must be installed at high human traffic points within the terminal (e.g. entrances, baggage check-in counters). All installed disinfecting agents must be available and/or functioning at all times. Spare supplies for replenishment must be available.
20) Self-disinfecting liquids can be applied to high touch areas periodically as specified in the product specifications.
21) Where possible, the Regional Ferry Terminal Operator is encouraged to provide dedicated toilet facilities for operations personnel, shore-based personnel, or passengers who go onboard vessel/ferry at the regional ferry terminal.
22) As far as practicable, proper segregation of common facilities such as wait/rest areas, and toilets, between operations personnel and all other employees is encouraged.
23) Ensure refuse bins are covered at all times and cleared daily. Tie refuse contained in plastic bags properly before disposal at bin centres.
24) As far as practicable, implement procedures and processes to stagger the use of the regional ferry terminal to handle General Travel category passengers separately from Restricted category ¹ passengers, if any.
H. SMMs for passengers and authorised visitors at terminal premises
25) The Regional Ferry Terminal Operator must implement TraceTogether-only SafeEntry for all individuals into the regional ferry terminal.

¹ As classified by MOH.

Enforcement

26) MPA may conduct enforcement checks to ensure compliance with this set of COVID safe restart criteria for Regional Ferry Terminal Operator, including SMMs proposed by the companies. Enforcement action will be taken against offenders who fail to comply.

27) Under the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) Act 2020, failure to comply with SMMs is punishable with a fine of up to \$10,000, imprisonment of up to 6 months, or both, for first time offenders. Repeated non-compliance is punishable with a fine of up to \$20,000, imprisonment of up to 12 months or both.

28) MPA may also take actions based on the conditions in the Public Licence(s) issued to the Regional Ferry Terminal Operator and Part XII of the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore Act, such as the issuance of a direction for closure of affected premises or cessation of affected operations or imposition of a fine as MPA deems fit.

29) Enforcement action may be taken by any of the following persons:

- A police officer;
- A Health Officer appointed under section 4(1)(a) or (b) of the Infectious Diseases Act;
- A public officer;
- An officer of a statutory body;
- An auxiliary police officer; and
- An employee of a prescribed institution under the Infectious Diseases Act.

30) Identity of enforcement officers can be verified via their authority cards or public service identification cards.

ANNEX A

Measures for operations personnel and shore-based personnel going on board vessel/ferry at the regional ferry terminal

Operations personnel and shore-based personnel who go on board a vessel/ferry at the regional ferry terminal must comply with the following:

- a. Must be fully vaccinated². Non-fully vaccinated individuals (other than recovered individuals³ or medically ineligible individuals) will not be allowed to board any vessels/ferries at the regional ferry terminal.
- b. Must check-in and check-out via the TraceTogether-only SafeEntry at the regional ferry terminal.
- c. Must not board a vessel/ferry if he/she is unwell.
- d. Must not interact with the vessel/ferry's crew who are unwell and in isolation onboard the vessel/ferry.
- e. Must always wear a mask⁴ at all times (unless the work activity requires that no mask be worn) when inside the enclosed areas of the vessel/ferry (e.g. accommodation space, enclosed wheelhouse/bridge, engine room, ship office, meeting room, cabin, saloon).
- f. Must ensure a safe distance of at least 1 metre between himself or herself and any other individual on board if he/she is not wearing a mask.

Measures for operations personnel and shore-based personnel who will come into contact with passengers and/or baggage at the regional ferry terminal

Operations personnel and shore-based personnel who will come into contact with passengers and/or baggage at the regional ferry terminal must comply with the following:

- a. RRT requirements, if any, as directed by MPA.
- b. Must check-in and check-out via the TraceTogether-only SafeEntry at the regional ferry terminal.
- c. Must not come into contact with passengers and/or baggage at the regional ferry terminal if he/she is unwell.

² An individual is considered fully vaccinated two weeks after he or she has received two doses of Pfizer-BioNTech/ Comirnaty, Moderna, or any vaccines in the World Health Organisation's Emergency Use Listing such as Sinovac-CoronaVac, Sinopharm, and AstraZeneca. From 14 Feb 2022 onwards, an individual is considered fully vaccinated if a booster dose has been received no more than 270 days after the last dose.

³ Individuals who have recovered from COVID-19 but are not fully-vaccinated may board vessels in port if they receive at least 1 dose of mRNA vaccine or 2 doses of Sinovac at least three months after infection.

⁴ As far as reasonably practicable, the operations personnel and shore-based personnel should wear a fitted N95 mask.

- d. Must always wear a mask⁵ at all times (unless the work activity requires that no mask be worn) in the indoor areas of the regional ferry terminal.
- e. Must ensure a safe distance of at least 1 metre between himself or herself and any other individual on board if he/she is not wearing a mask.
- f. Must utilise contactless or segregated operations, as far as practical.

⁵ As far as reasonably practicable, the operations personnel and shore-based personnel should wear a fitted N95 mask.