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Visa requirement for seafarers to South Korea

The South Korean government has suspended the visa-free entry of seafarers to Korea due to the confirmed COVID-19 cases among seafarers, as announced by the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in the Philippines.

Starting July 24, 2020, all seafarers entering Korea through airplane or vessel for the purpose of joining a vessel which is anchored or to be anchored in Korea must secure a visa prior to entry.

For entry visa application, pertinent documents are required including the Accomplished Visa Application Form; Original Passport; Copy of Passport bio-page; Proof of Seafarer Status (ex. Seaman's Book); Vessel's Certificate of Registry; Employment Contract; and Notice of Scheduled entry and departure.

Aside from the said documents, a COVID-19 related medical certificate and Health Condition Report Form are needed for the visa application.

Filipino seafarers with further questions may directly email the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in the Philippines at ph_visn@rnofo.go.kr

Meanwhile, travelers from the USA, Guyana, Malta, Ireland, UK, Nicaragua, Dominican Federation, Mexico, Barbados, Venezuela, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, St. Kitts and Nevis, Guam, New Caledonia, Palau, Monaco, Vatican, San Marino, Andorra, Albania and Slovenia are exempted from the said suspension of visa-free requirements.###