



## EMBASSY OF DENMARK *London*

### **Important new Covid-19 related measures for businesses incl. freight from the British government**

*All non-UK residents who are not UK nationals, including HGV drivers, that have travelled from or through Denmark in the last 14 days can no longer enter the country. All passenger flights and vessels transporting passengers and accompanied freight will no longer be able to land or dock at English ports. British Nationals, visa holders and permanent residents, including aviation crew and HGV drivers, who have travelled to Denmark in the last 14 days will have to self-isolate along with members of their household.*

*Unaccompanied freight from Denmark is exempt from the regulations. It will be allowed to arrive in the UK as long as the crew don't have meaningful contact with UK residents. Any crew members who have been in Denmark within 14 days working on unaccompanied freight will not be exempt from these restrictions, but will be allowed to remain with their conveyance while unloading is completed. They need to avoid any meaningful contact with UK residents during this time. For example, they may disembark to inspect the conveyance for technical checks but should not interact with residents, use public facilities or approach border control.*

*Accompanied freight is subject to the regulations and ships carrying it will not be allowed to arrive in the UK if they are coming directly from Denmark.*

*For further information regarding crew, read more here: <https://bit.ly/36N11nr>.*

### **Q&A**

#### **Goods on vessels:**

*What are the new measures regarding goods on vessels?*

Vessels with unaccompanied cargo can come in. The Danish crew will not disembark, and they can sail away once goods are unloaded. UK will be requesting they strictly respect the "keep people apart" guidance, i.e. no mixing with shore-side staff. Marine pilots are allowed to go on vessels to guide them into UK ports.

For vessels with accompanied cargo, i.e. hauliers, the following rules apply: UK national/resident hauliers will be allowed to come in, but must proceed straight to self-isolation, if they were in Denmark, or passed through it, in the last 14 days. All other hauliers who have been in Denmark, or passed through it, in the last 14 days, will not be allowed to enter.

#### **Crew change:**

*Internationally, seafarers are considered key personnel. How can crew change be facilitated during the current circumstances?*

This type of change taking place in the UK would be very rare, but currently this will not be allowed for crew who have been in Denmark in the previous 14 days as there are no exempted category of person.

#### **Crew on offshore vessels and rigs:**

*Can Danish crews destined for drilling rigs in British territorial waters fly into the UK?*

Any person coming from Denmark or who has been in Denmark in the previous 14 days will not be allowed entry to the UK while regulations are in place.

*What is the situation for Danish crew members on offshore vessels in British territorial waters (those already there and those who need to arrive/depart)?*

The travel ban applies to persons who have been within Denmark at any point in the last 14 days. Danish citizens who have not been within Denmark for the last 14 days can continue to travel to the UK in line with wider travel policies and restrictions.



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### **Shipping crew:**

*Can Danish seafarers on vessels calling British ports, e.g. DFDS from Esbjerg to Immingham or from Rotherham to Newcastle, still go if they stay on board while the vessels are in the harbour?*

Any person coming from Denmark or who has been in Denmark in the previous 14 days will not be allowed entry to the UK while regulations are in place. Crew can stay on board during loading/unloading, and then depart with the vessel.

*Can truck drivers on board the vessels go in to the UK with the cargo destined for the UK?*

Any person coming from Denmark or who has been in Denmark in the previous 14 days will not be allowed entry to the UK while regulations are in place, including HGV drivers. UK nationals and residents will be required to immediately self-isolate; they are not permitted to carry out the delivery. Non-UK nationals or residents will not be allowed entry.

### **Freight transported by road from Denmark, through third countries**

*Can freight be transported from Denmark if there is an exchange of driver or cab?*

The freight consignments can enter the UK. They cannot be accompanied by a driver who has been with the load all the way from Denmark.

Wherever possible, we strongly advise that the same cab should not be used for the whole of the transport of a consignment between Denmark and the UK, even if it is cleaned between its use by different drivers.

A trailer transporting a load or part load from Denmark is permitted to enter the UK if there has been an exchange of cab (tractor) units and drivers in a third country. This is subject to the driver of the transport across the UK border not having been to Denmark during the previous 14 days. The exchange of cabs and drivers needs to be done in a Covid secure way.