NAVIGATION REGULATION
no. 09/2020

on emergency navigational regime on the waterways of the Slovak Republic

In connection with the danger of public health of II. level due to the COVID-19 illness caused by the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus on the territory of the Slovak Republic, pursuant to § 39 (o) (1) and (2) of the Inland Navigation Act No. 338/2000 as amended, the Transport Authority issues this navigation regulation, by which

from 19.03.2020 10:00 a.m. until further notice

the following restrictions apply:

The landing, berthing and anchoring of all passenger cabin vessels is prohibited on the Danube waterway and its navigable tributaries. Navigating through is only possible in transit mode, except for the need to replenish fuel and water supplies. In this case, the crew must use personal protective equipment and avoid direct contact with the personnel.

Cargo vessels navigating in transit mode may use the berths on the Danube waterway and its navigable tributaries if they need to comply with the regulations for the working regime of the crew. It is forbidden for the vessel crew to come ashore in this case. If necessary, it is possible to replenish fuel and water reserves. In this case, the crew must use personal protective equipment and avoid direct contact with personnel.

Cargo vessels whose destination is a port or a berth in the territory of the Slovak Republic for the purpose of carrying out loading, unloading and transhipping may perform such work without restriction. At the same time, the crew members are obliged to observe the provisions stated in the decree of the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic no. OLP/2567/2020 of 12.03.2020 (hereinafter referred to as „OLP/2567/2020“). Changing of crew members is possible in the ports of Bratislava and Komárno, if they are citizens of the Slovak Republic or citizens of other countries who have a permanent or temporary stay in the Slovak Republic for more than 90 days. We recommend that the crew members of the vessel disembark to go immediately to quarantine.

Replenishing of fuel and water supplies is permitted to all vessels at places designated for this purpose.

Replenishing of food supplies is only possible in the port of Bratislava and the port of Komárno for vessels whose destination is a port or a berth in the territory of the Slovak Republic. In case that the crew wants to supply food in the port of Bratislava or Komárno, this is only possible with the use of a mail order service and only between 7:00 and 19:00. In case of mail order service, the master of the vessel or a member of the vessel appointed by him shall inform the responsible employee of the relevant branch office of the Public Ports: in Bratislava (serving employee phone number +421 910 309 099 or Mrs. Caňová, phone 02/656 22 852).
number +421 910 915 940), in Komárno (Mrs. Lehoczká, phone number +421 911 309 095), who will subsequently direct the courier of the mail order service to the vessel.

**Urgent and long-term planned repairs of vessels are permitted** with the emphasis on limiting crew contact with the personnel of repair services in accordance with the decree OLP/2567/2020.

**Organizing and operating cruises and sightseeing cruises** on the waterways of the Slovak Republic **is prohibited**.

**In case that pursuant to § 39 (1) (p) of the Inland Navigation Act no. 338/2000 the navigation is stopped due to a flood**, all vessels are allowed to enter the public ports of the Slovak Republic according to the navigation regulation no. 155/2014.

The rights and obligations arising from other generally binding regulations are not affected by this navigation regulation. At the same time, the navigation regulation no. 08/2020 of 13.03.2020 is withdrawn.

In Bratislava, 19.03.2020

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