

1. Are the Courts in your jurisdiction open and functioning as per normal?

Courts are open although it is understood that due to general recommendations as to e.g. confinement in case of illness about 30-40% of all hearings are cancelled.

2. If not, are there any exceptions to the arrest of ships and / or are other injunctive or enforcement procedures available?

n/a

3. Can Judicial Sale of Ships still take place?

Presumably Yes.

4. Do you know how long the Courts in your jurisdiction will be closed for?

n/a

5. Is the flag registry in your jurisdiction (if applicable) operating as per normal in terms of the registration of ships and registration of mortgages and deletion of same.

Yes.

6. Has your flag administration issued any special exemptions for the period of the Pandemic

Yes. The Swedish Government has decided that all ships' statutory certificates that expire on or after the 1st of April and before 1st of September 2020 will remain valid for 6 months from the date of expiry of the certificate without further approval from the Swedish Transport Agency (STA) or a Recognized Organisations (RO). This extension does however not apply to ISM- or ISPS- certificates and documents since these are regulated by EU-regulations, and not in Swedish national law.

In addition to the extension of validity of ships' certificates, the Swedish Government will propose a corresponding extension (six months) of the time frames for statutory surveys, including annual, periodical, intermediate and bottom surveys, in cases where such surveys cannot be carried out at regular intervals due to the current situation. The certificates related to the postponed surveys will remain valid without further approval by the STA or a RO. This extension also refer to servicing of equipment and certificates issued by service providers surveys, verifications and inspections on behalf of the STA, including, but not limited to, service providers certifying life-saving equipment, fire- fighting equipment, etc. As with the certificates, this extension does not apply to surveys related to ISM or ISPS certificates.

If a ship experiences any problems before this solution has come in effect, contact should be made with STA that will see to the situation on a case-to-case basis. The Swedish Government has also decided that a medical certificate with a validity of 1 year or longer, a Certificate of Competency (CoC) and/or a Certificate of Proficiency (CoP) that expires on or after the 1st of April and before 1st of September 2020 will remain valid for 6 months from the date of expiry of the certificate without a specific approval from the STA. Also, if a seafarer holds an endorsement issued by Sweden based on a CoC or CoP issued by a country other than Sweden, the validity of the Swedish endorsement will automatically be considered as extended for the same period as the national CoC or CoP (a general extension is acceptable), but in no case longer than 6 months from the original expiry.

In addition, the STA has issued regulations pertaining to practicalities as to vessel calls including the need for a Ship Sanitation Certificate.

Updated information can be found here: <https://transportstyrelsen.se/sv/Om-transportstyrelsen/vart-uppdrag-och-arbetssatt/covid-19-coronavirus/>