

Letter to the passenger's attending physician

Your patient booked a journey on board a container vessel operated by CMA CGM. The booking confirmation is bound to the receipt of a medical certificate certifying that your patient is fit for boarding the container vessel.

Boarding for a passage on board a merchant vessel substantially differs from boarding a cruise vessel.

Merchant vessels are primarily industrial places. Life on board such vessels where no medical structure, no doctor or nurse are available, may represent some risks or constraints.

There is no personnel dedicated to passengers' services. In case of medical emergency, the only medical assistance available shall be telemedicine consultation. Design of living spaces, precarious mobility and vessel movements may cause falls. These living conditions may be incompatible with the passenger medical condition.

It is essential to ensure the passenger health condition is compatible with a journey of ... days.

We hereby draw your attention on the following elements to allow you to determine whether there is counter-indication to such journey for your patient.

- ✓ The patient neuropsychiatric condition is satisfactory and shall not be an issue for the passenger or the crew members taking into account the promiscuity on board ;
- ✓ The patient sensory capacities (visual and/or hearing) are satisfactory to ensure individual and collective safety on board;
- ✓ The patient has sufficient functional integrity of upper and lower limbs (staircases with strong inclination and narrow steps, coamings of ample height which can be difficult to step over),
- ✓ The patient does not suffer from cardiovascular disease which can be incompatible with the journey;
- ✓ The patient does not suffer from insulin-dependent diabetes;
- ✓ The patient is not on medication that impairs reflexes or alertness;
- ✓ The patient is not pregnant, pregnancy being strictly counter-indicated for such journey;
- ✓ The patient does not suffer from not yet stabilized or evolutive sickness requiring regular care or watch in specialized settings.

The above-mentioned list is indicative and non-exhaustive.

Access to the vessel is dizzying [préciser la hauteur pour les grands navires], the passenger shall be able to climb the access gangway with luggages on his/her own.]



Some passages in a container vessel are narrow or hard to access. It is essential to ensure the passenger has full mobility. The passenger may have to promptly don an immersion suit if need be.



If the passenger is on regular medication, the latter shall bring on board medication in sufficient quantity for the length of the journey **increased by fifteen days taking in account the uncertainties of the sea passage such as weather conditions, maritime accident, deviation.**

Place of issue, date of issue

Surname / Forename of the passenger

Signature of the Doctor and passenger

Passenger's signature, preceded by the words "Read and approved"