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To: All IMO Members
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Subject: **Communication from the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden**

The Government of the Kingdom of Sweden has sent the attached communication, dated 5 February 2021, with the request that it be circulated by the Organization.

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Notification by Sweden - new regulations concerning entry restrictions to Sweden due to the worldwide coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19)

Secretary General,

I write to give an update on the measures taken by Sweden in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We would like to bring ship owners' attention to the requirement for a negative covid-19 test result upon entry into Sweden. We encourage ship owners to notify their passengers about this requirement before commencing the journey to Sweden. We would also like to inform ship owners and seafarers that the requirement to present a negative covid-19 test result is not applicable to seafarers. The new regulations enter into effect on February 6, 2021.

Full details may be found on the Swedish Police Authority Webpage:

<https://polisen.se/en/the-swedish-police/the-coronavirus-and-the-swedish-police/travel-to-and-from-sweden/>
<https://polisen.se/en/the-swedish-police/the-coronavirus-and-the-swedish-police/faq/>

Please note that The Swedish Police Authority does not issue any kind of pre-approvals or written notifications. The decision in each individual case will be made upon arrival at the border control point.

Additional information can be found on the Government Offices of Sweden Webpage;

[Questions and answers about the entry ban to Sweden –
www.government.se](http://www.government.se)

The Government of Sweden would kindly ask that the information on new regulations concerning entry restrictions to Sweden are circulated to the IMO member states.

The Government of Sweden takes this opportunity to assure you of its highest consideration.



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