

Guidance for inspectors on COVID-19

Inspector must comply with all national, regional, and local authority travel restrictions.

Inspections shall only be carried out by inspectors based in the country where the inspection is carried out.

The inspector located closest to the port of inspection shall be appointed to minimize distance travelled.

Driving long distances to and from inspections is undesirable as fuel/food/rest stops will inevitably increase exposure to COVID-19 for inspectors.

An Inspector should leave a vessel as soon as an inspection has been completed.

Inspectors should:

- Comply with all applicable law.
- Take proper and adequate measures to protect themselves from COVID-19 infection while travelling to and from an inspection.
- Comply with the PPE requirements of the vessel while onboard, providing it is safe to do so.
- Terminate an inspection if it is not safe to continue while complying with the PPE requirements of the vessel or its operator.
- Comply with the PPE requirements of a terminal or facility while transiting to or from the vessel, provided it is safe to do so.
- Terminate an inspection if potential exposure to COVID-19 or any unknown illness onboard exists.
- Comply with social distancing measures as far as possible.
- Avoid personal contact as far as possible.
- Maintain a high standard of personal hygiene at all stages of an inspection.
- Discard any disposable PPE after leaving a vessel and before continuing travel.
- Ensure that bags, personal effects, and normal PPE is properly washed and/or sanitized before each inspection.
- Not wear the same clothing for consecutive inspections or carry previously worn clothing or PPE aboard another vessel to be inspected unless it has been washed and/or sanitized.