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1.2. Visa exemptions for other categories mentioned in Article 6(1):

1.2.1. Civilian air crew members

General conditions:	BNL	BG	CZ	DK	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	HR	IT	CY	LV	LT	HU	MT	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE	IS	NO	CH
Exemption from the visa requirement for air crew members if they hold licences and certificates within the meaning of Annexes 1 to 9 to the Chicago Convention on International Civil Aviation.	yes	yes (1)(2)	yes(3)	yes(4)	yes(5)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes (1)	yes		yes(1) (6)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes(7)	yes(1)	yes(1)	yes(8)	yes(7)	yes	yes	yes (9)

Comments

(1) Comment by several MS:
The visa requirement is maintained for crew members who are nationals of countries who are not signatories of the Chicago Convention.

(2) Comment by Bulgaria:
Bulgaria exempt civilian air crew members from the visa requirement also in other circumstances (i.e. when they do not hold licences and certificates in accordance with the Chicago convention): The crew members shall provide general declaration which confirms that they are part of this crew.

(3) Comment by Czech Republic: Additional conditions:
(a) embark and disembark in the stop-over airport or the airport of arrival situated in the territory of CZ;
(b) enter the territory of the municipality of the stop-over airport or the airport of arrival situated in the territory of CZ;
(c) go, by any means of transport, to an airport situated in the territory of CZ in order to embark on an aircraft departing from that same airport.

(4) Comment by Denmark:
Additional condition: They must prove that they have signed on as members of the crew of aircraft located in Denmark.

(5) Comment by Germany:
(A) Civilian flight personnel who are in possession of flight crew identity documents shall be exempted from the visa requirement for the purposes of:
1. staying only at the airport at which the aircraft stops over or ends its flight,
2. staying only in the area of a municipality situated in the vicinity of the airport or,
3. transferring to another airport.
(B) Civilian flight personnel who are not in possession of flight crew identity documents may be exempted from the visa requirement for the purposes of a stay as specified in sub-section A, provided that they meet passport requirements. The competent bodies shall be the authorities charged with policing cross-border traffic. A laissez-passer shall be issued to confirm the exemption.

(6) Comment by Latvia:
Additional condition: The crew member enters within the scope of his or her work duties in order to take the next flight and stays in the administrative territory of the city nearest to the airport.

(7) Comments by Romania and Sweden:
Additional conditions:
- they do not leave the premises of the airport even if is just a stopover of the aircraft;
- they do not leave the airport of destination;
- they do not leave the city which is in the proximity of the airport;
- they do not leave the airport, except for heading to another airport.

(8) Comment by Finland:
Additional conditions: Members of the crew of an aircraft shall leave the country on the next scheduled flight under their engagement.

(9) Comment by CH: Holders of a pilot's licence or a crewmember licence or certificate under Annex 9 of the Convention on International Civil Aviation dated 7 December 1944 have the following authorisation while carrying out their official duties:
a) to embark or disembark from their aircraft at a stopover or destination airport on the territory of a member state;
b) to proceed to the territory of the commune to which the stopover or destination airport on the territory of a member state belongs;
c) to travel by any means of transport to an airport on the territory of a member state with the purpose of embarking on an aircraft departing from that airport.

1.2.2. Civilian sea crew members

General conditions:	BNL	BG	CZ	DK	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	HR	IT	CY	LV	LT	HU	MT	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE	IS	NO	CH
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Exemption from the visa requirement for sea crew members in the performance of their duties and when they go ashore, provided they hold a seafarer's identity document issued in accordance with the International Labour Organisation Conventions No 108 of 13 May 1958 or No 185 of 16 June 2003 or the International Maritime Organisation Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic of 9 April 1965.		(1)	yes(2)		yes(3)	yes(4)	yes(5)		yes(6)	yes				yes(7)	yes	yes	yes		yes		yes(8)	(1)		yes(8)	yes(8)	yes	yes(9)	

Comments

(1) Comment by Benelux:
The visa requirement is exempted for crew members only in the case of shore leave.

(2) Comment by Bulgaria:
Additional condition: The crew members shall provide General declaration which confirms that they are part of this crew.
Exception: The visa requirement is maintained for crew members in the case of shore leave.

(3) Comment by Denmark:
- Holders of ILO identity documents (visa-free transit): with a view to engagement, dis-charge or re-engagement prior to exit from the Schengen Area and for up to five days. The visa exemption does not apply to foreign nationals who are subject to a requirement for prior consultation of central authorities of other Member States.
- Holders of a seaman's book (right to shore leave): who are on their ship's crew list may stay in the vicinity of the port of call for as long as the ship is there.

(4) Comment by Germany:
(1) Civilian shipping personnel shall be exempted from the visa requirement for the purposes of entry into and stays in Germany with regard to:
1.pilots practising their occupation pursuant to Section 1 of the Sea Pilotage Act who are able to identify themselves by means of official papers detailing their identity and their capacity as a pilot,
2.third country nationals who:
a) hold a German Seaman's Registration Boyes,
b) are nationals of a state specified in Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 2018/1806 and hold a passport or passport substitute issued by the state concerned and
c) stay on board ship or in Germany solely as a civilian member of the personnel on a ship which is entitled to fly the flag of Germany.
(2) Civilian shipping personnel of ships navigating in maritime or coastal waters or on the Rhine who do not fall under the category of personnel defined in sub-section (1) may be exempted from the visa requirement for stays in port during the ship's lay days, provided that they meet passport requirements. The competent bodies shall be the authorities charged with policing cross-border traffic. A laissez-passer shall be issued to confirm the exemption.
(3) Civilian shipping personnel within the meaning of the above sub-sections are the captain of a ship, the members of the crew who have been signed on and are entered in the crew list, and any other persons employed on board who are entered in a crew list.

(5) Comment by Estonia:
Additional condition: Visa exemption only during the period of transit, if the purpose is to start service or leave the service of a ship in Estonian port or transit to another country for service on a ship.

(6) Comment by Spain:
Only during the stay of the ship or when in transit to another country.

(7) Comment by Latvia:
- Crew member should be included in the list of the crew of an international route ship.
- Only during the time the ship on which they are serving remains in port and the crew do not leave the ship or the port area.
- Visa is required in the case a ship is leaving port but the ship's crew member is left in the port for medical treatment.

(8) Comment by Romania, Finland and Sweden:
Only during the time the ship on which they are serving remains in port and the crew do not leave the ship or the port area.

(9) Comment by Norway:
Holders of Filipino "Seafarer's Identification and Record Book" or Filipino national passport, cf shipping agreement 22 October 1999 between Philippines and Norway. The holder must present a written confirmation from the shipowner or the representative hereof, that the holder is going to join position on ship in Norwegian harbour.

1.2.3. Crew and members of emergency or rescue missions in the event of disaster or accident																											
Conditions	BNL	BG	CZ	DK	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	HR	IT	CY	LV	LT	HU	MT	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE	IS	NO	CH
Exemption from the visa requirement for crew and members of emergency or rescue missions in the event of disaster or accident.	(1)				yes(2)			yes		yes				yes	yes		yes(2)			yes(3)	yes	yes(4)	yes	yes			

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<p>(1) Visa shall be issued at the BCP.</p> <p>(2) Only for the duration of transit.</p> <p>(3) Visa exemptions are granted only on the grounds of a conclusion of bilateral agreements between Romania and third-states as regards mutual support in situations of disaster, emergency, accident.</p> <p>(4) Visa exemptions are granted only on the grounds of on humanitarian, on grounds of public interest or on the basis of international obligations (bilateral agreements).</p>																												

1.2.4. Civilian crew members on international inland waterways

General conditions:	BNL	BG	CZ	DK	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	HR	IT	CY	LV	LT	HU	MT	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE	IS	NO	CH
Exemption from the visa requirement for civilian crew of ships navigating in international inland waters provided they hold documents identifying them as boatmen of the respective international inland waterway.	yes(1)(2)	yes(1)			yes(1)(2)(4)			yes	yes(2)						yes		yes(1)(3)			yes(1)			yes				

Comments
<p>(1) Provided they are on the crew list.</p> <p>(2) Provided they hold a travel document containing a trilingual stamp or comment identifying them as Rhine boatmen in accordance with the resolutions of the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine.</p> <p>(3) Provided crew members do not leave the ship and/or the harbor area and/or which the ship is berthed and a municipality in the vicinity.</p> <p>(4) Germany exempts from the visa requirement third country nationals who are employed on a ship operated on the Rhine and Danube river systems, including the Main-Danube canal, by a company headquartered abroad for stays in Germany of up to three months within a twelve-month period following their first entry into Germany.</p> <p>The exemption pursuant shall apply to entry into Germany and journeys via the shortest route between the border crossing point and the location at which the ship is berthed or between locations at which ships are berthed in connection with the cross-border transportation of persons or goods and, for the purposes of the onward transportation of such persons or goods, on the Danube river system.</p>