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The Western Australian Government has published a document entitled “Infection prevention and control management of international maritime crew transfers and transits” which summarises the process, and whilst the below is by no means exhaustive the following key points should be noted:

a)     Metropolitan Port

International maritime crew that disembark their vessel at a metropolitan port (Fremantle or Kwinana) will be met by WA police and transferred to either Perth airport to leave Australia (onward flight within 8 hours) or transferred to a state quarantine facility until their onward flight is scheduled to depart or until their 14 days quarantine is complete.

b)     Regional Port

International maritime crew that disembark their ship at a regional port will require transfer from the port of disembarkation, via a transit service, to a charter flight.  Upon landing in Perth, they will be met by WA police and transferred to Perth airport to leave Australia (onward flight within 8 hours) or transferred to a state quarantine facility until their onward flight is scheduled to depart or until their 14 days quarantine is complete.

c)      International Maritime Crew

Various requirements are set out in relation to surgical masks, social distancing and hygiene.

There are also particular requirements in relation to delays and rest stops.

The WA Government has also published a document entitled “Infection prevention and control management of international maritime crew medical transfers” which should be referred to by the local agent when arranging such transfers.

Regards,

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