



## MALDIVES IMMIGRATION

Republic of Maldives

En route Clearance Service

Seaport Immigration

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### GUIDELINE FOR AGENTS AND CARRIERS

#### 1. Introduction

En Route Clearance is the process of granting immigration clearance to vessels arriving to Maldives by sea, during the course of the journey. The purpose of this guideline is to outline the principles and procedures of this service to passengers and crews, who arrive to Maldives by sea.

#### 2. Authoritative basis

This guideline is in accordance to *The Maldives Immigration Act 2007* and the *Entry and Exit Regulations to the Maldives by sea 2016/R-15*.

#### 3. Date of implementation of this guideline

This guideline will be implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

#### 4. En route clearance process

- 4.1. En route clearance will be granted to vessels arriving to the Maldives with not less than 200 passengers during the course of its journey.
- 4.2. To grant En route clearance, Immigration Officers will join the vessels from its last port of embarkation for entry clearance.

#### 5. Agent and carrier Responsibility

- 5.1 Food, accommodation, transportation, necessary medical insurance and other expenses if required, during and concerning En route clearance.
- 5.2 Available working space for Immigration officers.
- 5.3 Internet access.
- 5.4 A suitable environment to conduct passengers' facial recognition if required.
- 5.5 Crew and passenger list in the format provided by Immigration.
- 5.6 Other necessary documents required as stipulated in clause 22 of the *Entry and Exit Regulations to the Maldives by sea 2016*.