



PROTOCOLS FOR MOVEMENT OF TRUCKS AND OR CARGO ON BOARD VESSELS (RORO AND CONVENTIONAL VESSELS) TO THE MARITIME ISLANDS

The Ministry of Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Transport (MCTTT), in consultation with the Fiji Police Force, Ministry of Health and Medical Services (MOHMS) and other relevant stakeholders have established the following protocols which shall apply to all trucks and cargo transported on RORO and Conventional Vessels for inter-island services.

This protocol supersedes clause 3 (f) of the protocols published on Wednesday, 21 April 2021 by the MCTTT.

MOVEMENT OF TRUCKS AND OR CARGO

- a) All Vessel Operators must allow designated commercial goods trucks (only) with its drivers to board the vessel;
- b) Vessel operators, suppliers of cargo, and or truckers must provide separate drivers at the port of disembarkation. Only these drivers will be allowed to move cargo and trucks from the vessel;
- c) **Point of embarkation (port of loading) drivers will not be permitted to disembark with the trucks at the port of unloading. Movement of trucks off the ships shall require change of drivers, which are drivers at the point of disembarkation;**
- d) Vessel operators shall not allow crew members or anyone to interact with drivers on board their vessels. Drivers must be allocated to the passenger lounge and form a specific bubble;
- e) Information relating to the movement of trucks and cargo must be provided in the template provided at **Annex 1**, which must be emailed to transportunit.fj@gmail.com and or operations@mrsfiji.org;
- f) All trucks and cargo must be decontaminated prior to disembarkation. This will also include sanitising the driving area;
- g) Alternatively, vessel operators, suppliers of cargo, and or truckers may board the truck on the vessel and leave the key with the Captain of the vessel for disembarkation drivers. However, commercial good trucks with cargo must be safely secured prior to departure. The responsibility of the truck and cargo shall lie with the owners of the trucks and the ship operators;

- h) Truckers and vessel operators are to ensure that proper precautionary measures are taken, including wearing of PPEs such as face masks, regular washing of hands, using hand sanitisers, and 2-metre physical distancing; and
- i) **Any breach of the Protocol above may result in the loss of passes issued by MoHMS/MCTTT.**

OFF LOADING OF CARGO IN MARITIME ISLANDS

- a) For interisland services, vessel operators and crew are to offload cargo and freight at a designated location on the jetty or port with restrictive contact with people on the islands or ports;
- b) Crew and supernumerary on board vessels must not at any port, leave the vessel for shore. All must remain on the vessel;
- c) A bubble for officers and crew must be separately maintained at all times from the people on shore;
- d) Seafarers and shore based people are to ensure that proper precautionary measures are taken, including wearing of PPEs such as face masks, regular washing of hands, using hand sanitisers, and 2-meter social distancing;
- e) Members of the public collecting freight are to collect from the designated points, practising social distancing. They are not to board the vessel under any circumstance;
- f) All Turaga ni Koros, Mata ni Tikina and District Advisory Councillors are to liaise with their respective Roko Tuis and Provincial Administrators for further information;
- g) **The MoHMS will work with the Fiji Police Force to ensure these strict measures are enforced. Any breaches will be dealt with accordingly;**
- h) The careFIJI app must be downloaded with Bluetooth activated at all times and a log sheet of movement maintained; and
- i) Automatic Identification System (AIS) must be switched on at all times.

For enquiries regarding any services provided by RORO and Conventional Vessels, servicing of economical and uneconomical routes, please contact the Director of Transport – Ms. Faranise Kinivuwai on +679 998 3245 or Senior Transport Planner – Ms Aseri Driu on +679 990 6244.

Annex 1

DETAILS OF TRUCKS AND OR CARGO MOVEMENT ON RORO & CONVENTIONAL VESSELS**1 Name of Vessel**

ETD

Route

Type of Service

Franchise Private Charter**2 Details of Driver: Point of Origin**

Name of Driver

License Number

Residential Address

Company

Date of Service to port of disembarkation

3 Details of Truck

Vehicle Registration

Truck type

Gross Vehicle Weight

Net Weight

4 Details of Driver: Point of Disembarkation

Name of Driver

License Number

Residential Address

Company

Date of return of Service to port of origin

5 Details of Cargo and Company

Name of Company

Cargo Type

Weight

6 Details of Service

Where is the cargo being transported?

Are there anticipated drop off?

Any other details

7 Health Measures

Have the drivers been screened and/or tested?