



## **NOTICE to MARINERS**

**NO: 4/2025**

### **MARITIME DECLARATION OF HEALTH AND PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY**

To clarify the conditions for the issue of a *Maritime Declaration of Health* to the Port.

Vessel Masters, or via onboard representative (ships Doctor etc):

- Are reminded of their obligation to report any infectious diseases and circumstances that may lead to transmission of infectious diseases. As required by The Public Health (Ships)(Scotland) Regulations 1971 (as amended 1974,1978, 2007)\*.
- Should follow any instructions given by a local health protection agency to allow the investigation and control of any infectious disease.
- Reporting should be done via submission of an MDH and by contacting all three port teams on the telephone numbers provided.

The contact details for submitting your Maritime Declaration of Health, are:

Ports / Terminals	
Port Health Monday – Friday 9am-5pm	<a href="mailto:foodsafety@shetland.gov.uk">foodsafety@shetland.gov.uk</a> TEL: +44(0)1595 745250
NHS Shetland Health Protection Team (Public Health) Monday – Friday 9am-5pm  Evenings, weekends & public holidays	<a href="mailto:shet.publichealthshetland@nhs.scot">shet.publichealthshetland@nhs.scot</a>  TEL: +44(0)1595 743340 (ask for Health Protection) TEL: +44 (0) 1595 743000 (askfor 1 <sup>st</sup> on-call Public Health)
Port Authority 24 hr	<a href="mailto:ptcontrol@lerwick-harbour.co.uk">ptcontrol@lerwick-harbour.co.uk</a> TEL: +44(0)1595 692991 VHF Ch: 12

\*[The Public Health \(Ships\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2007](#)

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