

SEAFARERS APPEALS BOARD
5201 Auth Way
Camp Springs, Maryland 20746

Action Number 481

WHEREAS, Article IX entitled Shipping Rules, Sections 7. and 9. grant the sole and exclusive authority to administer and/or amend the shipping rules to the Seafarers Appeals Board.

WHEREAS, by prior action the Seafarers Appeals Board has amended the Shipping Rules to secure and maintain an adequate supply of qualified and trained personnel aboard various U.S.-flagged vessels, in particularly Action Number 480 Coronavirus Precautionary Protocols; *and*

WHEREAS, pursuant to this grant of authority and in accordance with the current state of emergencies declared by the Federal Government and by the majority of U.S. States and taking into account world-wide conditions and emergencies resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic the Seafarers Appeals Board has decided, effective immediately, to suspend *certain* shipping rules.

NOW THEREFORE, with the aforementioned in mind the Seafarers Appeals Board hereby takes the following additional actions.

“The shipping rules contained in Article IX, Rules 2, 4 and 5 shall be suspended immediately. While these Rules are being suspended, all efforts will be made to adhere to the spirit and intent of these Rules whenever practical to do so.

Additionally, individuals may be required to remain on ships for periods longer than originally planned.

Lastly, the Seafarers Appeals Board may take any and all other actions necessitated by the current state of affairs to safely and efficiently move cargo on any and all vessels covered by these shipping rules.

This action will be reviewed every fourteen days and will be kept in place until such time that the parties have determined that the current emergency no longer exists.”

Dated: _____

Union Representatives:

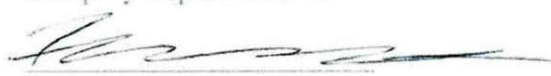


George Tricker,
Chairman

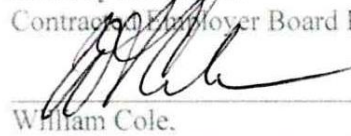


Patrick Vandegrift,
Union Board Member

Company Representatives:



Anthony Naccarato,
Contracted Employer Board Representative



William Cole,
Contracted Employer Board Representative