To: ALL UKMPA MEMBERS
Circular 25/2020
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Dear Colleague,

**Covid-19 – Variant Strain**

Measures to protect England from new Covid-19 (Cluster 5) strain originating in Denmark

Members may be aware of new government measures taken over the weekend to prevent the potential spread of a variant strain of Coronavirus (Covid-19).

The UKMPA has been in discussions with the Department for Transport (DfT) and can provide the following brief summary:

- those who have travelled from or through Denmark in the last 14 days can no longer enter UK
- passenger planes and ships travelling directly from Denmark, and accompanied freight, will no longer be able to land or dock at English ports
- anyone from the UK who arrives in England after 4am 6 November after travelling from or through Denmark in the last 14 days – must self-isolate along with their household

Clarification has been sought to prevent misinterpretation of these new measures.

These rules will only apply to the ships carrying passengers coming direct to the UK from Denmark.

Cargo ships from Denmark will still be allowed to dock as normal however the crew of these vessels will not be able to disembark other than for checking the draught.

Pilots may wish to treat vessels which have been in Denmark within the last 14 days similarly; with adherence to the most stringent precautions to protect themselves, colleagues and family from this new strain.

Yours faithfully,

Mike Morris
Chairman
Reference