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PÅ SVALBARD**

**THE GOVERNOR OF SVALBARD  
ГУБЕРНАТОР СВАЛЪБАРДА**

Stowarzyszenie Kształcenia Żeglarskiego Skz  
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Att.: Andrzej Gorajek

*Our date:*  
19.08.2020

*Our reference*  
20/01219-21

*Your date:*  
26.04.2020

## **Reply to the notification of travel plans for the tour operator: Stowarzyszenie Kształcenia Żeglarskiego Skz, 2020, SY Ocean B.**

Reference is made to your notification of travel plans for 2020, dated 26.04.2020. The travel plans consists of organized sailing trips aboard SY Ocean B along the west coast of Spitsbergen. The planned activities will take place in the period from 19.08. – 14.09.2020.

The reply of the Governor to the notification of travel plans must be available to anyone who performs work in the company, or participates in the activity for which the company is responsible. If representatives from the Governor of Svalbard contact the company while the organized activity is in progress, the reply to notification must be presented.

### **Terms and conditions related to travel plans**

With regards to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, the Governor presuppose that the company has an approved plan for infection control before implementing the notified activity. Furthermore, the Governor advise all travellers to Svalbard to follow national advice and guidance on infection control to avoid further spreading of the virus, as well as guidelines for travel.

Before doing landings at locations that require site-specific guidelines in accordance with FOR-2014-04-04-377, §§ 5a and 21, these guidelines must be approved by the Governor.

### **Search – and rescue insurance**

Pursuant to the Regulations relating to tourism and other travel in Svalbard, Section 6, tour operators must have sufficient insurance, or as the case may be put up equivalent guarantee, to cover any expenses incurred by the authorities or others in connection with search- and rescue operations or the conveyance of patients (SAR) which have to be carried out in connection with their travel in Svalbard.

The insurance or guarantee shall cover any rescue operation in the period the travel notification is valid. In a situation where an accident occurs where we will demand the rescue expenses refunded,



and if you wish to continue the activity, it is expected that your insurance/ bank guarantee is adjusted such that there always is security for the below set amount.

The amount is hereby fixed at **NOK 150 000,-**.

Please be advised that it is the policyholder's responsibility to have an insurance which meets the requirements of the § 7 in the Regulations relating to tourism and other travel in Svalbard.

### **Responsibility and safety**

The Governor of Svalbard assumes that you as a tour operator act in accordance with the requirements set out in the Regulations relating to tourism, field arrangements and other travel in Svalbard.

Please note that violations of the above-mentioned regulation and orders given pursuant to this can result in criminal liability in accordance with § 14 in the regulation.

### **Change of plans**

If there are major changes in your travel plans, the Governor of Svalbard shall be notified on beforehand. The Governor of Svalbard must process the new information before the activity is carried out.

### **Reports on the journey implementation**

The Governor of Svalbard emphasise the obligation the tour operators have to report the journey implementation after the activity has taken place. This is in accordance with section 8, last subsection in Regulations relating to tourism, field operations and other travel in Svalbard. The deadline for reporting is **November 1<sup>st</sup> 2020**.

### [Post Visit Report for ships sailing in Svalbard waters](#)

Please note that this reply does not take into account permissions that may be required according to other laws and regulations, e.g. the Svalbard Environmental Protection Act. As a tour operator, you are responsible for making sure your planned activities are in accordance with the rules and regulations pertaining to Svalbard and to seek the necessary permissions.

Regards,

Kjerstin Askholt  
Governor

Thomas Haavik  
Tourism Adviser

*This document is approved and expedited electronically without signature*

