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Registry Instruction

General Restrictions on Visits Due to COVID-19

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CHAPTER I GENERAL PROVISIONS**Section 1 Purpose and scope**

1. This Instruction has been issued by the Registrar pursuant to Detention Rule 4.2 in order to protect the health of Detainees who are held in the Detention Facilities of the Specialist Chambers ('DF') located in the Dutch Prison PI Haaglanden ('Prison'), as well as Detention Officers and others working within the DF.
2. The purpose of this Instruction is to impose temporary and proportionate restrictions on in-person visits in the DF, based on the advice of the Medical Officer, that are necessary to protect the health of Detainees and others and to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus ('COVID-19') in the DF.
3. Section 4 of this Instruction shall apply to visits between Detainees and their family members and other persons pursuant to the Practice Direction on Visits and Communications adopted pursuant to Detention Rule 63.
4. Section 5 of this Instruction shall apply to visits with Counsel pursuant to the Practice Direction on Counsel Visits and Communications adopted pursuant to Detention Rule 63.
5. This Instruction shall be interpreted and applied in a manner consistent with the Rules of Detention and any practice directions or instructions adopted or issued pursuant to Detention Rule 4.

Section 2 Principles

1. This Instruction is of a temporary nature and shall be withdrawn by subsequent instruction of the Registrar when restrictions are no longer necessary and proportionate.
2. This Instruction may be amended by the Registrar, *proprio motu*, or upon advice of the Chief Detention Officer, after consultation with the Medical Officer.
3. Detainees shall be informed of this Instruction and of its amendment or withdrawal.

Section 3 Authoritative Language and Entry into Force

1. The authoritative language of this Instruction is English.
2. This Instruction and any amendments or withdrawal shall enter into force on the day of adoption.

CHAPTER II RESTRICTIONS TO PROTECT HEALTH

Section 4 General Restrictions on In-Person Family Visits and Other Personal Visits

1. In order to protect the health of Detainees and others by limiting in-person contact, visits shall be temporarily restricted in the DF for all Detainees pursuant to Articles 4.2 and 6.1 of the Practice Direction on Visits and Communications. Detainees shall not be permitted to have in-person visits, including Private Visits.
2. In lieu of in-person visits, video visits shall be permitted in accordance with the Registry Instruction on Video Visits, adopted pursuant to Detention Rule 4.
3. In deviation from Article 16 of the Practice Direction on Visits and Communications, the expense of outgoing telephone calls shall be temporarily borne by the Specialist Chambers.
4. Paragraphs 1 to 3 of this Section shall remain in place unless and until this Instruction is amended or withdrawn pursuant to Section 2 above.

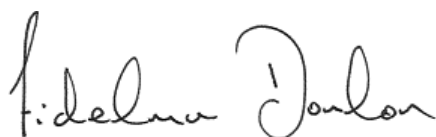
Section 5 General Restrictions on Number of Visitors and Items Brought to Counsel Visits

1. In order to protect the health of Detainees and others by limiting in-person contact, no more than 2 visitors at a time shall be permitted to attend an in-person Counsel visit pursuant to Article 14.1 of the Practice Direction on Counsel Visits and Communications.
2. Video visits with Counsel shall also be permitted in accordance with the Registry Instruction on Video Visits, adopted pursuant to Detention Rule 4.
3. In order to protect the health of Detainees and others from the spread of COVID-19 through contact with parcels or other surfaces, items brought to Counsel visits shall be restricted in the DF pursuant to Articles 11.3 and 14.1 of the Practice Direction on Counsel Visits and Communications. Counsel shall not directly exchange paper documents with a Detainee during a Counsel visit or bring a personal laptop computer to a Counsel visit.
4. Counsel may, instead, exchange paper documents and other authorised items with Detainees through the import and export procedure provided in the DMU Instruction on House Rules of the Detention Facilities.
5. Paragraphs 1 to 3 of this Section shall remain in place unless and until this Instruction is amended or withdrawn pursuant to Section 2 above.

Section 6 Review

A Detainee whose visits have been restricted pursuant to this Instruction may submit a formal complaint or request for review to the appropriate authority, as detailed in the Practice Direction on Complaints adopted pursuant to Detention Rule 63.

The Hague, Netherlands
23 September 2020



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