

CLIA INDUSTRY STANDARD

CRUISE VESSEL HELICOPTER PICK-UP AREA

The Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) is an industry trade association consisting of many of the largest passenger cruise lines that call at major ports in the United States and abroad. CLIA is dedicated to ensuring that the cruise industry provides a safe, healthy, and secure ship environment for both passengers and crew. CLIA member lines work closely with the U.S. Coast Guard, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and flag and port states to develop and enhance international maritime safety initiatives.

The cruise industry strives to provide passengers with a safe and healthy cruise ship environment. To this end, CLIA member cruise ship operating on a regular basis beyond 20 miles from shore on deep-sea, overnight itineraries, provide onboard medical facilities equipped to handle many medical emergencies. These facilities are staffed by medical personnel trained in primary and emergency care. However, the industry recognizes that circumstances may arise when it may be necessary to evacuate a patient from the ship to a shoreside hospital.

In the event the ship is unable to reach port in a timely manner and/or medical evacuation is not possible via another vessel or boat, it may be necessary, with the concurrence of the cognizant search and rescue organization's flight surgeon, to evacuate a patient via helicopter. In the United States, the cognizant search and rescue organization is the United States Coast Guard.

To facilitate a safe and efficient evacuation, CLIA member cruise vessels traveling regularly on itineraries beyond the territorial waters of the coastal state will provide a suitable helicopter pick-up area having due regard to the recommendations contained in Volume III of the International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue Manual (IAMSAR).

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1. See CLIA Industry Standard regarding medical facilities and medical care