

b) When NOT holding a valid C185 SID:

- Visitor Business Visa (VIVIS) for stays up to 90 days per migratory year, non-extendable⁹
- VITEM V visa for working onboard Brazilian-flagged ships or platforms, regardless of the term of employment
- VITEM V visa for stays exceeding 180 days aboard foreign cargo vessels and cruise ships¹⁰
- VITEM V visa for stays exceeding 90 days per year on platforms and aboard vessels other than cargo and cruise ships¹¹

The list of countries whose seafarers without a C185 SID need a visa to enter Brazil can be found on the website of the [Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#).

c) No visa will be required from:

- ◆ Crewmembers and other foreign shipboard professionals whose nationality exempts them from a VIVIS visa, for stays of up to 90 days per migratory year, when producing a passport valid for the duration of the stay
- ◆ Crewmembers holding a valid C185 SID, for a maximum stay of 180 days per migratory year, provided they enter the country on a vessel or demonstrate that the purpose of entry is to embark on a platform, a cargo vessel on an ocean-going voyage or a cruise ship sailing along the coast

Foreign seafarers carrying a SID not in conformity with ILO C185 standards may remain on board the vessel, but may not come ashore, at the discretion of the Federal Police¹².

Breach of the immigration regulations may subject the traveller or carrier to pecuniary fines¹³.

For detailed information, please consult our publication [Immigration Controls on Seafarers in Brazil](#), available for free download on our secure website.

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⁹ Art. 29, § 7, II, of Decree 9,199/2017

¹⁰ Art. 38, § 2, VII, 'a', of Decree 9,199/2017

¹¹ Art. 38, § 2, VII, 'b', of Decree 9,199/2017

¹² Art. 173 Decree 9,199/2017

¹³ Fines for offences to the Immigration rules range from BRL 100 to BRL 10 thousand for individuals, and from BRL 1,000 to BRL 1 million for legal persons (Art. 108 of the Migration Law)