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Subject: Note on novel COVID-19 – Quarantine restrictions at Indian ports

Dear Sir / Madam,

We would like to draw your attention to the attached Port Circular by JNPT port (Mumbai) with regard to specific entry restrictions to curb the spread of the highly contagious, Corona virus (COVID-19).

The Port authorities, after inputs by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Integrated Disease Surveillance Project, have published port specific requirements. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has also commenced a regime to screen all personnel entering India from 30 Airports, 12 major seaports and 65 minor seaports.

While all the ports on both the East and West coast of India continue to remain fully functional for the time being, there is a growing trend of the Authorities restraining vessels at anchorage for a period of up to 14 days (incubation period) after arrival and/or restricting landing of passengers and crew and/or restricting shore leave for personnel if the passengers and/ or the crew onboard arrive or originate from specific Countries.

Attached is a port circular from JNPT port (Mumbai) concerning quarantining of all inward vessels for a period of 14 days. For sake of brevity, the period of 14 days commences from the date of departure from the last international port. We expect other ports will follow suit, with similar quarantine measures.

Members are encouraged to obtain advance reports on port specific requirements & restrictions prior planning crew changes in India.

It is natural to expect a consequential financial impact due to quarantine restrictions. Accordingly, it would be useful for Members to review their Charter party provisions and introduce specific clauses to protect their position.

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To

The Chairman

JNPT

Sub : Recent SOP for COVID-19

Respected sir,

Today WHO reported nearly 1,10,100 confirmed cases of Covid-19, 3700 deaths and 103 countries affected worldwide.

In view of the above, PHO is issuing following SOP,s for cargo vessels clearing at JNPT:

- 1) All the vessels, coming from any country, are to be kept in outer anchorage till completion of 14 days from last international port of departure. (incubation period of Covid-19)
- 2) On completion of 14 days, shipping agent / Master of the vessel will submit the latest
a) Maritime declaration b) master declaration of symptomatic crew of Covid-19
c) Temperature chart d) Medical Log
- 3) On scrutiny PHO will declare the vessel ' Healthy ' or ' suspected '
Healthy vessel will be given Health clearance for port operations and ' Suspected' vessel will be requested to be brought to the nearest anchorage to facilitate boarding by the PHO for necessary action .
- 4) Symptomatic Indian crew if signing off will be sent to the designated hospital for quarantine. Other symptomatic crews will be advised quarantine and necessary medication on board. On satisfactory examination PHO will issue Health clearance and request Pilot to board the vessel to get the vessel at allotted berth.

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