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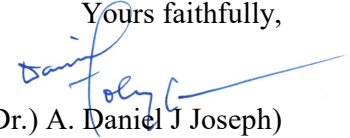
MS NOTICE NO. 03 OF 2020

Subject: Maritime advisory No. 2 on new coronavirus - reg.

1. The Directorate has issued maritime advisory on new coronavirus vide M.S Notice 02 of 2020 on 28.01.2020 (F. No. 7-NT(72)/2014). The said advisory recommended all Indian seafarers to comply with World Health Organisation (WHO) recommendation and Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) advisory. Also, all Indian ships were advised to exercise due caution while calling at ports of the regions where such infection is reported.
2. There have been reports in the media that few seafarers on board a ship that sailed out of port from an infected region have developed clinical signs and flu like symptoms with fever and having difficulty in breathing.
3. Considering that the coronavirus could also affect other seafarers, all Indian seafarers and all Indian ships while calling at ports of the regions where such coronavirus infection is reported are in addition to the recommendations mentioned in M.S Notice 02 of 2020 are also required to comply with the following and look for daily updates:
 - MoHFW disease alerts guidance and notes available in MoHFW website following link <https://mohfw.gov.in/diseasealerts/novel-corona-virus>
 - ✓ Discharge policy for suspect or confirmed novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) cases
 - ✓ Guidelines on Clinical management of severe acute respiratory illness (SARI) in suspect/confirmed novel Coronavirus (nCoV) cases
 - ✓ Updated Travel advisory for travellers visiting China
 - ✓ Guidance on Surveillance for human infection with 2019-nCoV
 - ✓ Guidelines for Infection Prevention and Control in Healthcare Facilities
 - WHO guidance dated 25.01.2020 available in https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/20200126-ncov-ipc-during-health-care.pdf?sfvrsn=69e588ce_1&download=true which details appropriate usage of Personal Protective Equipment's PPE (i.e., eye protection, a medical mask, a long-sleeved gown, gloves).
 - International Maritime Organisation (IMO) advice dated 31.01.2020 circulars for IMO Member States, seafarers and shipping on Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) available in following link:
 - ✓ Circular Letter No.4203: <http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/Circular%20Letter%20No.4203%20-%20Novel%20Coronavirus%20%202019-Ncov%20Secretariat.pdf>

- ✓ Circular Letter No.4204: <http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/PublishingImages/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204%20%20Novel%20Coronavirus%202019-Ncov%20Secretariat.pdf>
- The International Maritime Health Association (IMHA) advice dated 28.01.2020 for shipping companies on the new type of coronavirus (2019-nCoV) available in the following link: <https://www.seafarerswelfare.org/news/2020/international-maritime-health-association-issues-advice-on-new-coronavirus>
4. All Indian seafarers and all Indian ships are advised to comply with the WHO recommendations, MoHFW advisory, IMO circulars and IMHA advice in letter and spirit. Also, all are required to keep visiting the above said websites on daily basis and comply with the updated guidelines issued from time to time.
5. This is issued with the approval of the Director General of Shipping and Additional Secretary to the Government of India.

Yours faithfully,



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