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पत्तन प्रबंध बोर्ड/ PORT MANAGEMENT BOARD
अण्डमान तथा निकोबार द्वीपसमूह/ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS

Port Blair, dated 19th March, 2020

CIRCULAR COVID - 19

In view of the prevailing scenario and to contain the spread of Corona Virus in A&N Islands, the following directives are to be implemented with immediate effect for strict compliance at **all A&N Ports** and **all ships** entering A&N Islands: -

1. Passenger Handling by DSS:

- All Masters of DSS vessels are to strictly comply with MS Notice **02 of 2020** of DG Shipping to contain the spread of corona virus.
- Passenger occupancy in DSS vessels will be restricted to 50% of their carrying capacity in all sectors so that safe distance is maintained between passengers.
- Travel by Non-Islander passengers in DSS vessels to be restricted.
- All passenger vessels/ offices/ ticketing counters are to be sanitised regularly.
- **Need based service of DSS vessels across all sectors to be implemented.**
- Special teams are to be constituted for **crowd management** at all ticketing counters and Jetties.

2. Cargo Handling:

2.1 Cargo Vessel from Indian Ports:

- The vessel is to be brought to inner anchorage on arrival.
- The PHO/MO i/c at the respective Port will thereafter certify the vessel as **Healthy** or **Suspected** and issue a **Certificate** in this regard to **PMB**.
- Certified **Healthy** vessels will be given clearance for Port Operations and **Suspected** vessel will be kept at **anchorage** for facilitating boarding of the PHO/MO i/c for further necessary action.
- No crew will be allowed to disembark until **14 days** have elapsed. The crew can disembark on expiry of **14 days** only after subsequent clearance by the PHO/MO i/c of the respective Port.

- Cargo discharge is to be permitted **after** the vessel has been declared Healthy and on receipt of **Ship Sanitation Certificate, Medicine Chest Certificate & Evidence Report Form (ERF)**, if issued, on the sanitary control measures undertaken in the previous ports and also a declaration that the cargo on board has been disinfected from Master of the vessel.
- **Before discharge of cargo (Container/Bulk/Break bulk), it is to be ensured that the same is disinfected.**
- The Stevedoring Agencies are directed to use **Personnel Protection Equipment (PPE)** while engaging their employees for cargo handling.
- Port Authorities are to ensure that the Stevedoring Labourers handling cargo **do not come in contact** with the crew on Board.

2.2 Cargo Vessel from International Ports:

- On arrival, the vessel will be kept at outer anchorage till completion of **14** days from last international Port of departure **(Mandatory Quarantine)**
- The PHO/MO i/c at the respective Port are to certify the vessel as **Healthy** or **Suspected** and issue a Certificate in this regard to **PMB**.
- Certified **Healthy Vessel Certificate** will be given clearance for Port Operations and **Suspected** vessel will be kept at anchorage for facilitating boarding of the PHO/MO i/c for further necessary action.
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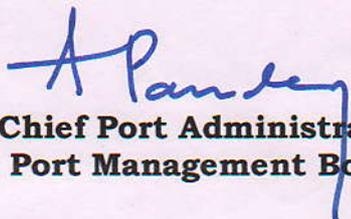
3. **Pilots.** All Pilot Officers will board the vessel with **PPE** and are directed **not to have** any physical contact with any member of the crew on Board. All communication is to be restricted to **VHF**.

4. **Cleaning Crew.** Cleaning Crew and Shore supporting staff are to be permitted on board only with **PPE**.

5. **Cargo Handling Equipment.** All Cargo Handling Equipment will be sanitized before and after operations.

6. **Passenger Handling by Port:**

- All vessels from International Ports are suspended till further orders.
- Master of the vessels are to provide **Ship Sanitation Certificate, Medicine Chest Certificate & Evidence Report Form (ERF)** if issued on the sanitary control measures undertaken in the previous ports.
- All passengers (Islanders) and crew arriving from Mainland will be screened at the respective Ports of Disembarkation by the Medical Authorities.


**Chief Port Administrator
Port Management Board**

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1. Secretary (Sh) for information please.
2. Secretary (Health) for information please
3. Deputy Commissioner (South, North & Middle and Car Nicobar)
4. CE&A, ALHW and CE, PWD for information.
5. Port Health Officer for strict compliance.
6. Dy Director (Sh) for information and dissemination
7. Harbour Master, PMB for information and dissemination.
8. Manager (Cargo/PS&O/Stevedoring) for information and necessary action
9. Port Control Tower, Chatham.