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To: Captains of the ships, Ships Agents, Shore Skippers and Skippers

Dear Sir/Madam

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MEMORANDUM: PORT CAPTAIN WRITTEN INSTRUCTION ON CORONAVIRUS

1. BACKGROUND

There has been an outbreak of Corona virus as declared by World Health Organization in China, Thailand, Japan and Republic of Korea and possible some African countries. As a result the Authority feels it will be prudent to implement measures to safeguard our Ports against the exposure to the threat posed by those visiting vessels.

2. WHAT IS A CORONA VIRUS?

Corona viruses are a family of viruses that infect both animals and humans. Human coronaviruses can cause mild disease similar to a common cold, while others cause more severe disease (such as MERS - Middle East Respiratory Syndrome and SARS – Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome). Some corona viruses that are found in animals can infect humans – these are known as zoonotic diseases.

3. PROCEDURE

The following procedure has been developed to prevent the spread of any contagious disease. The quarantine period will be confirmed by Port Health based on their assessment.

- 3.1 Prior to boarding a vessel, call up Port Control and confirm Free Pratique has been received and also enquire about the last three ports of call. Security to also check with ISPS pre-arrival notification.





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- 3.2 Upon boarding confirm Health Status of crew with the Master.
- 3.3 For high risk vessels (that is vessels that have been to China) ensure that you are wearing face mask and hand gloves.
- 3.4 All off port limit crew from affected areas to be carefully screened – no crew to be taken off a vessel without Port Health clearance.
- 3.5 Port Health declaration also required for all Off Port Limit transfers.
- 3.6 All medical evacuations from vessels from affected areas need to be screened by Port Health before person taken off vessel.
- 3.7 Captain of the vessel to confirm in writing stowaway sweep was done when departing last port – Stowaway search may be requested to be done when alongside at vessels cost using stowaway sweeper companies whose members have undergone training and /or awareness on Corona Virus Disease.
- 3.8 Security to inform Port Control of any reported stowaways from vessels calling from affected areas – if reported vessel to remain at anchor until cleared by Port Health for entry or advised otherwise.
- 3.9 All masters of vessels must report stowaways on his vessel if calling from affected area – vessel to remain at anchor until stowaways are examined and cleared by Port Health or otherwise advised.
- 3.10 Strict gangway watches to be maintained at all times.
- 3.11 All members involved in evacuation of infected crew or stowaways must be trained by Port Health on Corona Virus.
- 3.12 Separate lists of vessels calling from Corona affected areas are to be maintained for record purposes.
- 3.13 All galley waste of vessels from affected areas is to be incinerated and should not be accepted ashore.

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- 3.14 Additional Security should be deployed by the Agent of vessel for contaminated vessels and no one must be allowed on board a contaminated vessel except Port Health and only after clearance can anyone be permitted to enter the vessel.
- 3.15 If possible contaminated vessels should be allocated an isolated berth away from other vessels.

4. SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF INFECTED PERSONS:

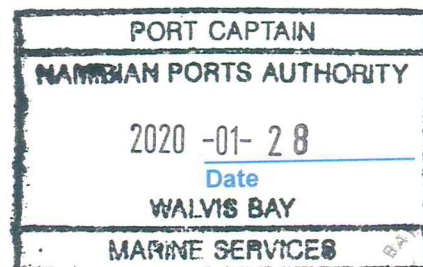
- 4.1 repeated high fever,
4.2 prolonged coughing and sneezing,
4.3 headache

5. PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN TO PREVENT INFECTION AND SPREADING OF VIRUS:

- 5.1 Wear face mask and hand gloves.
5.2 Leave on gloves when shaking hands with vessel crew from affected areas
5.3 Sanitize hands frequently.
5.4 Avoid contact with people showing signs and symptoms indicated above.
5.5 Do not utilize the facilities on board.
5.6 Do not make contact with bodily fluids.
5.7 Frequently washing hands with soap and water after touching animals and animal products.
5.8 Disinfect equipment and working area at least once a day.
5.9 Wear protective gowns, gloves and facial protection while handling animals and fresh animal products.
5.10 Remove protective clothing after work, wash daily and leave at the work site.
5.11 Avoid exposing family members to soiled work clothing and shoes.

For further clarification, please contact the Port Captain and/or Risk Departments.


CAPTAIN LUKAS KUFUNA
PORT CAPTAIN: WALVIS BAY



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