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To all shipping agents in Hong Kong

Dear shipping agents,

Quarantine Arrangement for Visiting Vessels

Currently, subject to the conditions listed in the “Updated Summary Table of Quarantine Arrangement for Visiting Vessels” (annex), the crew members of goods vessels and passenger ships will be exempted from compulsory quarantine under the Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong Regulation (Cap 599C) and Compulsory Quarantine of Persons Arriving at Hong Kong from Foreign Places Regulation (Cap 599E).

We would like to draw your attention to the exemption conditions and urge you to remind your crew members to strictly comply with the conditions. In particular, the incoming crew members should only arrive Hong Kong when their vessels are berthed in Hong Kong and should get onboard immediately upon arrival. If there is a genuine need for them to stay in Hong Kong whilst awaiting to board, the shipping companies/agents should arrange them in an accommodation for self-isolation and **crew members should not go to public places until getting onboard to minimize contact with the local community**. Moreover, they shall observe strict personal hygiene at all times, wear a surgical mask and observe other conditions listed in the Summary Table.

Thank you very much for your ongoing support in combating infectious diseases.

Yours sincerely,

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for Director of Health





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Updated Summary Table of Quarantine Arrangement for Visiting Vessels

Latest update on 26 July 2020

Who comes from or has history of visit in the past 14 days in		The Mainland, Macao or Taiwan (Cap. 599C)		Places other than the Mainland, Macao or Taiwan (Cap. 599E)	
		Requirements	Detailed measures	Requirements	Detailed measures
Goods vessels (including OGVs and RTVs)	Ships with no cargo operation	Crews on board are subject to compulsory quarantine for 14 Days		Crews on board are subject to compulsory quarantine for 14 Days	
	Ships with cargo operation	Medical surveillance only under specified conditions	Please see below*	Medical surveillance only under specified conditions	Please see below*
	Non-crew (passenger)	Non-crew members on board are subject to compulsory quarantine for 14 Days	/	Non-crew members on board are subject to compulsory quarantine for 14 Days	/

Who comes from or has history of visit in the past 14 days in		The Mainland, Macao or Taiwan (Cap. 599C)		Places other than the Mainland, Macao or Taiwan (Cap. 599E)	
		Requirements	Detailed measures	Requirements	Detailed measures
Fishing vessels (including local and non-local fishing vessels)	Crew (including fish collectors)	Medical surveillance for fishing ship crews visited Mainland China only in past 14 days	Remark	Compulsory quarantine for 14 Days	/
		Compulsory quarantine for 14 days for crews visited Taiwan/Macao in past 14 days			
	Non-crew	Compulsory quarantine for 14 Days	/	Compulsory quarantine for 14 Days	/
Other vessels	Crew	Compulsory quarantine for 14 Days	/	Compulsory quarantine for 14 Days	/
	Non-crew	Compulsory quarantine for 14 Days	/	Compulsory quarantine for 14 Days	/

* With effect from 29 July 2020 until further notice, only **goods vessels with cargo operation** will be allowed to enter the Hong Kong waters for crew change and exempted from compulsory quarantine. They should comply with the following conditions:

- (a) shipping companies/agents shall submit the Estimated Time of Arrival (ETA) and Estimated Time of Departure (ETD) of vessel together with the details of the sign-on and sign-off crew to be changed (including their names and flight schedules) 72 hours prior arrival of the vessel for the Marine Department (MarDep)'s approval;

- (b) all crew members should remain on-board the vessels during the stay of the vessels in Hong Kong waters and should not get ashore;
- (c) out-going crew members who have completed their service on-board should stay onboard the vessel during their stay in Hong Kong and travel directly to the airport for repatriation to their home countries so as to minimise contact with the local community;
- (d) in-coming crew members should only arrive Hong Kong when their vessels are berthed in Hong Kong and should get onboard immediately upon arrival;
- (e) point-to-point transfers should be arranged by the shipping companies/agents for crew members to and from the vessel. Use of public transport including MTR, airport shuttle train and taxi for crew transfer is prohibited. Crew members should wear masks during the entire journey to and from the vessel;
- (f) crew members arriving Hong Kong at the Hong Kong International Airport to sign-on goods vessels must have a negative result of SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid test at an ISO 15189-accredited laboratory or a laboratory recognised by the Government where the laboratory is located with the specimen collected within 48 hours prior to boarding the flight to Hong Kong;
- (g) shipping companies/agents should declare on a letter of certification that the crew member concerned has been tested negative for SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid with the specimen collected within 48 hours prior to boarding the flight to Hong Kong. The letter should include an emergency local contact phone number for prompt contact with the concerned crew under emergency situation;
- (h) the crew is required to present MarDep's approval letter (as mentioned in (a)), the negative test report (as mentioned in (f)) and letter of certification (as mentioned in (g)) to staff of Department of Health (DH) when he/she enters Hong Kong. The shipping companies/agents should prepare at least one copy of the certification letter to be carried by each crew when arriving Hong Kong

for submission to DH staff. Crew members who fail to present and submit the abovementioned documents to DH staff will be denied entry, and the shipping companies/agents concerned are required to arrange these crew members to fly back to their originating country(ies) forthwith;

- (i) shipping companies/agents should keep and if requested provide information on the transportation and logistics arrangement of the crew members (such as details of the flights taken by the crew concerned, licence plate number and driver details of the vehicles used to transfer the crew members, exact time and location of the picking up/setting down of the transfers, etc.) for ease of contact tracing;
- (j) shipping companies/agents must report to the MarDep immediately upon receipt of information of any COVID-19 positive cases of their seafarers; and
- (k) shipping companies/agents failing to comply with the above conditions and/or provide the required information will be denied future crew change for one month.

Remark:

- Upon arrival at Hong Kong, you must pay attention to your health condition, take body temperature twice daily and report to your shipping company/agent.
- If you feel unwell, please call 2125 1133 (have stayed in Mainland, Macao or Taiwan) or 2125 1999 (have stayed in all overseas countries/territories).
- You are allowed to operate another trip and must wear a surgical mask during work.

If there is any enquiries, please contact duty Port Health Officer by 2543 1702.