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All Shipping Agents, Dhamra Port

Trade Notice No: 01/2020 – Advisory on Novel Corona Virus for vessels calling Dhamra Port reg.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India has issued alert about Novel Corona Virus (nCoV) infection which occurred in Wuhan city, Hubei Province, China. The affected patients are reported to have developed symptoms of Acute Respiratory illness within 14 days of contact, with history of Fever and Cough, and requiring hospital admission. Few of them have developed Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI).

When person-to-person spread has occurred with MERS (Middle-East Respiratory Syndrome) and SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome), it is thought to have happened via respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes, similar to how influenza and other respiratory pathogens spread. Spread of MERS and SARS between people has generally occurred between close contacts.

The Severe Respiratory Infection termed nCoV, neither has any specific treatment nor any vaccine to prevent the disease.

Hence, the strategy to prevent the spread of disease rests on early detection of suspected cases and isolation for observation.

Proper personal hygiene and respiratory etiquette should be followed by all crew members/passengers from affected areas, which include:

- a. Avoiding close contact with those having symptoms of acute respiratory infection
- b. Frequent hand washing, especially after direct contact with sick people or their environment.
- c. Avoiding close contact with live or dead farm/wild animals

The MoHFW has asked all the Points of Entries (PoEs), i.e. the Airports & Ports to be on alert for possible importation into India of Novel Corona Virus.

Apart from China, Hong Kong, Thailand, Singapore, South Korea, Japan, USA & Vietnam have reported travel related Novel Corona Virus cases.

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Since Dhamra Port has ships arriving from many of these countries, all shipping agents need to alert vessel's calling under their agency about novel corona virus illness and the action to be taken.

Masters of ships

- i. Arriving from Wuhan/any other port in China/ any other countries affected with nCoV or
- ii. with crew, who have embarked, having a travel history to Wuhan /other affected areas within the past 28 days

are requested to monitor their crew members/passengers for development of symptoms suggestive of nCoV i.e. Fever, Cough, difficulty in breathing within 28 days, from the date of exposure .

In case of any crew member developing symptoms suggestive of Novel Corona Virus illness,

- a. Crew member should be isolated and practice cough etiquette (maintain distance, cover mouth while coughing, sneeze into disposable tissues/ use face mask and wash hands).
- b. Inform vessel agent by email for making necessary arrangements at port of call.

In absence of above, Master should give undertaking in the Maritime Declaration of Health (MDoH) that no crew member/passenger have a travel history to Wuhan city/other affected areas within the past 28 days and are not suffering from any symptoms suggestive of Novel Corona Virus illness.

Further guidelines will be circulated when directions are received from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India.

For Dhamra Port Company Ltd.

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