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**TO : ALL SHIPPING COMPANIES OPERATING PHILIPPINE-FLAGGED SHIPS ENGAGED IN INTERNATIONAL VOYAGES, MANNING AGENCIES AND FILIPINO SEAFARERS ONBOARD**

**SUBJECT : ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF FILIPINO SEAFARERS ONBOARD SHIPS ENGAGED IN INTERNATIONAL VOYAGES**

Consistent with the declaration of a global emergency called the “**Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)**” by the World Health Organization (WHO) in light of the 2019-2020 outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV), all shipping companies operating Philippine-flagged ships engaged in international voyages, manning agencies and Filipino seafarers onboard therein are directed to help prevent the further spread of the virus. The following precautionary measures and directives are hereby given:

### 1. Active surveillance or monitoring

Shipping companies are advised to observe MARINA Advisory No. 2020-04, series of 2020.

China Maritime Safety Administration have not officially announced a lockdown of their sea ports, except for the inland river port of Wuhan, where the virus have reportedly originated. The ports however are taking strict prevention and control measures to deal with the virus, which may slow down the loading and discharging rate of passengers and cargoes.

Philippine-flagged ships that are scheduled to call at Chinese ports in the near future are directed to keep close contact with their local agent so as to get the latest port information, and to remind their crewmembers to take necessary precautionary measures, remain vigilant and adopt good hygiene practices at all times.

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## **2. Early detection of possible cases**

Ship Masters coming directly or transiting China ports and its Special Administrative Regions, are requested to provide Port Authorities with statement at least three (3) days prior to arrival if crew are exhibiting symptoms, such as high temperature, sore throat, coughing or breathing difficulties, was observed on crewmembers, or report sick or deceased crew/passengers within the last fifteen (15) days, subject to the procedures for bio-security/ vessel quarantine and isolation procedures observed in various ports.

Ships crew arriving at sea checkpoints will undergo temperature screening conducted by on-site healthcare assistants. Suspect cases will be referred to the hospitals for further assessment.

## **3. Isolation or quarantine**

Ships that called the China port in the last fourteen (14) days and any of its crew suffers with symptoms mentioned under item 2, it is highly advised to seek medical care immediately and report whereabouts and symptoms to their ship agents.

## **4. Contact tracing or finding the people confirmed cases have interacted with**

Ship agents are requested to clarify the following information should their vessels have recently called into a port in mainland China:

- 1) The Date the ship departed China;
- 2) Ports called into between departing China and arriving in the Philippines;
- 3) Declarations or Notices of sick personnel onboard; and
- 4) Declaration of the previous five (5) ports of call.

## **5. Prevention of onward spreading of the novel coronavirus**

Shore-personnel are to minimize all interaction with the crew as much as practically possible. All are enjoined to be vigilant and adopt good hygiene practices such as wearing of surgical mask or any protection gear when contacting shore-based staff (agent, foreman, PSC, and quarantine inspectors) in ports and other crowded areas, using disposable tissues, frequent disinfecting of touched objects and surfaces, and washing hands regularly, among others.

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No travel or trade restriction is hereby imposed. Such further measures imposed on travels shall be strictly consulted with the WHO.

All are urged to report any information relating to the aforementioned directive to the following:

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DOTr Action Center Hotline	(02) 8790-8300; (02) 8726-4925
Maritime Industry Authority	(02) 8524-9126 +63 (995) 4007336 <a href="mailto:www.oadm@marina.gov.ph">www.oadm@marina.gov.ph</a> <a href="mailto:www.oss@marina.gov.ph">www.oss@marina.gov.ph</a>
Department of Health	(02) 8651-7800 +69 (918) 8888364 <a href="mailto:callcenter@doh.gov.ph">callcenter@doh.gov.ph</a>
Department of Foreign Affairs	(02) 8551-0357; (02) 8834-4881; (02) 8834-4160
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