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**TO : ALL SHIPPING COMPANIES, SHIP OPERATORS, SHIP CHARTERERS AND ALL CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT : GUIDELINES ON THE RESUMPTION OF OPERATION OF PASSENGER SHIPS IN AREAS UNDER GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (GCQ) AND ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (ECQ)**

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In view of the transition of some areas from ECQ to GCQ and the guidelines provided by the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF), the following standard procedures for the operation passenger ships are hereby provided:

1. Operation of passenger ships remains prohibited in areas which are still under ECQ.
2. Operation of passenger ships within areas under GCQ will be allowed, subject to strict conditions as provided hereunder.
3. Passenger ships operating in areas under GCQ shall not be allowed to travel to any port under ECQ.
4. Social distancing shall be observed at all times whether on shore or onboard. Social distancing shall mean at least one (1) meter distance between any two persons at any given point and time.
5. **ON SHORE GUIDELINES:**
  - 5.1 Companies shall observe social distancing by installing visible social distancing marks outside and inside the terminal such as, but not limited to, queuing, ticketing, waiting and boarding areas.
  - 5.2 Handwashing/lavatory areas with sufficient water, soap, alcohol or disinfectant shall be provided at the main entrances of the premises and at strategic parts of the building for free use by passengers and employees.
  - 5.3 Disinfecting footbath shall likewise be provided in all entry and exit access points of the premises and building.

5.4 Companies shall ensure that the number of persons accommodated inside the terminal and within the premises shall only be enough for everyone to practice social distancing.

5.5 Wearing of mask is mandatory for all passengers and employees at all times and in all areas.

5.6 Checking of body temperature is mandatory before passengers and employees are allowed entry into the premises and the building.

5.7 Persons inside cars entering the premises shall also be subjected to mandatory body temperature checking and passing through disinfecting footbath.

## **6. ON BOARD GUIDELINES**

6.1 Ships shall only be allowed to carry 50% of its regular on-board capacity. Provided that passengers shall at all times during the voyage, maintain one (1) meter distance apart. This one-meter distance shall also apply to crew on board. To emphasize social distancing on-board, visible markings shall be drawn where passengers and crew sit, gather and converge.

6.2 Checking of body temperature is mandatory before passengers and crew are allowed to go on board.

6.3 Handwashing/lavatory areas with sufficient water, soap, alcohol or disinfectant shall be provided at the main entrance of the ship and at all strategic location inside the ship for free use by the passengers and crew.

6.4 Disinfecting footbath shall likewise be provided in all entry and exit access onboard for passengers and crew and a disinfecting matting on the ramp for rolling cargoes.

6.5 Wearing of mask is mandatory for all passengers and crew at all times during the voyage.

## **7. GENERAL GUIDELINES**

7.1 Shipping companies shall, as soon as possible, devise an online scheme where passengers can procure and pay ticket.

7.2 Cleanliness of ships, buildings and on shore premises shall at all times be maintained.

7.3 Companies are required to employ one health or medical health worker on-board and one on shore who will supervise the checking and monitoring of body temperature of passengers, employees and crew.

7.4 Health or medical worker of companies shall establish a communication line with proper health authorities for the reporting and coordination of suspected COVID cases.

7.5 Isolation areas shall be provided on-shore and on board where person who is suspected to be COVID infected shall be brought, monitored and medically administered.

7.6 Mass gathering on-board and on-shore shall be prohibited.

7.7 Companies shall incorporate in their Safety Management System (SMS) the guidelines provided by this Advisory and all other health procedures they may deem proper to address the monitoring and prevention of the spread of COVID virus. The updated SMS along with objective evidence of implementation shall be subject to verification during the next scheduled ISM audits to both company and ship/s.

For strict compliance.



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