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TO : ALL SHIPPING COMPANIES/OPERATORS AND ALL CONCERNED

SUBJECT : **INCLUSION OF OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT PLAN (OMP) IN THE SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

Pursuant to the guidance of World Health Organization (WHO) "Operational considerations for managing COVID-19 cases or outbreaks on board ships", the International Maritime Organization (IMO) issued Circular Letter No. 4204/Add.16 on Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), taking into consideration the growing number of seafarers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and in order to strengthen the implementation of safety and health protocols of Philippine – registered ships operating within domestic waters, **all ships and companies are required to establish an OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT PLAN (OMP) for COVID-19 and other similar infectious diseases, as the case maybe, to be part of the Safety Management System.**

The company and the ship Master shall review the said procedure from time-to-time, taking into consideration the necessary actions on board and ashore in response to any present risks due to infectious diseases.

The Outbreak Management Plan should include the following:

- 1 Location/s where suspected cases will be isolated individually until disembarkation and transfer to a health care facility;
- 2 Provisions to allow for potential extended isolation of crew members on board;
- 3 Communication Plan between departments and individuals onboard (e.g: medical, housekeeping, laundry, room service (for passenger ships) or officer/s with medical duty, mess, etc.) regarding the needs of person/s in isolation;
- 4 Clinical Management of suspected cases while they remain on board;
- 5 Availability of personal protective equipment and appropriate medical supplies;
- 6 Cleaning and Disinfection Procedures for potentially contaminated areas, including the isolation cabins or areas;
- 7 Contact Tracing Procedures including the collection of relevant

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information of passengers and/or ship crew, such as but not limited to:
name of ship, name of person, address, contact number, date, time and
place of embarkation and/or dis-embarkation, emergency contact
person/next – of – kin;

- 8 Procedures for food and utensils, waste management, and laundry
services for isolated person/s;
- 9 Medical Waste Management;
- 10 Embarkation and Dis-embarkation Procedures for passengers and/or
crew;
- 11 Onboard training and Flow Chart Familiarization for easy understanding
of the crew's responsibilities, and their inclusion in the emergency
musters list;
- 12 Monitoring Plan; and
- 13 All other actions deemed necessary by the company and ship.

It is the obligation of the ship owner and the ship Master to immediately inform the health authority and the MARINA at the next port of call about any suspected case of COVID-19.

Upon determination that there is a suspect case of COVID-19 on board, the outbreak management plan should be activated immediately.

The OMP shall be submitted to the respective Maritime Regional Office (MRO) where the ship is homeported not later than one (1) month upon the approval of the Advisory and subject to verification during the scheduled company and ship audit. All MROs are instructed to monitor the implementation of this Advisory.

It is recommended to use this Advisory in conjunction with the published World Health Organization (WHO) Handbook for management of public health events on board ships. This advisory is supplementary to MARINA Advisory No. 2020-04.

For strict compliance.


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