

VISAKHAPATNAM PORT AUTHORITY
TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

No.ITRA/GEN/FOMICRON(COV)

Dt.08.12.2021

TRADE CIRCULAR-1434

Sub: Strengthening preparedness measures at Seaports for screening and testing of International passengers - Reg.

Ref: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India, D.O.No.MoHFW Omicron Airports,2021 dt.06.12.2021.

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In continuation to this office Trade Circular No.1429, vide No.ITRA/GEN/FOMICRON(COV)/4445, Dt.03.12.2021 and in view of the threat from the recently reported SARS-Cov2 Variant B.1.1.529 (Omicron variant), MoHFW have issued revised Guidelines for International Travel which was duly informed to the Trade vide the aforesaid Trade Circular.

Further MoHFW have directed to ensure that all positive CoVID-19 samples are sent for whole Genome Sequencing to the tagged/ designated INSACOG Genome Sequencing Laboratories as per the INSACOG Guidelines, so that any ingress of SARS-CoV2 variants of concern in this Port through the sea route may be tracked and monitored.

In light of the above, all vessel agent and other concerned stakeholders are requested to strictly comply with the directions issued by the MoHFW and deviations (if any) in this regard will be viewed very seriously.

[Authority: MoHFW letter reference cited on the above subject matter]


TRAFFIC MANAGER

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