

VISAKHAPATNAM PORT AUTHORITY
TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

No. ITRA/GEN/FMISC
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ALL PORT USERS

CIRCULAR - 1558

Sub: Strengthening and preparedness measures at Visakhapatnam Seaport for
Screening of International crew - Reg.
Ref: Secretary Health DO No.Z28015/182/2021-DM cell dated 29.12.2022

In reference to the directives from Port Health Organization, evolving trajectory of COVID-19 in some countries like China, Singapore, Hongkong, Republic of Korea, Thailand and Japan and reports regarding circulation of variants of SARS-COV-2 in these countries, crew on international voyage signing off qualify as international arrivals, it is requested that crew of all ships arriving on international voyage at Visakhapatnam seaport are mandatorily requested to be screened for Covid-19 on board. All ships coming from the above said countries or crew of above said countries joining in any other countries and ship arriving at Visakhapatnam seaport within 14 days and planning for crew sign off, to be mandatorily tested for Covid-19 by RT-PCR at any ICMR approved lab and samples of positive test results sent for Whole Genome Sequencing to designated INSACOG network labs.

Advance information about ships arrival including Health documents and Self Declaration Forms of crew members and information about crew sign off to be provided to PHO & VPA by shipping agencies atleast 48 hrs prior to arrival of ship.

All Boarding officials and Shipping Agencies are advised to follow infection prevention and control measures.


TRAFFIC MANAGER