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To
All Port Users

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Visakhapatnam Port Authority
Visakhapatnam - 530 035

CIRCULAR No 1843

Sub:- Sanitary guidelines for the master of incoming vessels coming from
Yellow fever infected areas within 30 days at of Visakhapatnam-reg.

All ships which have touched any ports from the Yellow Fever endemic countries of Africa or South America coming to India within 30 days, irrespective of the number of intermediate ports touched before 30 days, will have to undergo Health Screening by the Port Health Officer, Visakhapatnam and obtain free pratique before the berthing or operations of the vessel.

Pre-arrival ship preparation:-

1. The ship must hoist the "QQ" Flag (2 Yellow Quarantine Flags) and must be anchored 500 meters away from shore and other vessels till the vessel is given free pratique.
2. No persons are to be allowed to board the vessel until free pratique is granted. In case of need of Emergency Medical assistance or requirement of provisions and water, Port Health Officer's written permission to be taken.
3. All the crew must possess valid Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate as per the WHO International Health Regulations 1969 or 2005 Format. The Vaccination book must have date of vaccination, signing authority stamp with signature, Batch number & Manufacturer of Vaccine, stamp of the vaccination center and the signature of the vaccinee. If any of this is missing then the certificate is invalid or if there is unvaccinated crew on board then the sanitary measures or Quarantine of the ship will be applied as per the Inspection accordingly for 6 days or in the event of Aedes mosquitoes on board after control measures, whichever is earlier. The Yellow Fever Certificate taken any time in their lifetime is now valid lifetime of the crew.
4. The ship must be kept clean from all deck water collection 24 hrs & 6 hrs. before arrival to Anchorage point at Visakhapatnam.
5. No water storage in drums or any other containers are allowed. To drain all water storage appliances 24 hours & 6 hours before arrival to the port.
6. If there is water rationing, the appliances to be covered.
7. All the Yellow Fever Vaccination books, Medical Log Book, Shore Medical Assistance Log Book, Ship Sanitation Control /Exemption Certificate & Medicine Chest Certificate must be kept ready for inspection.
8. All the crew who have joined the vessel in the last one month to be given in the Maritime Declaration of Health as follows:
Name, Port of Joining, Date & Nationality. All those crew to be present with their Passport for Health screening by the Quarantine Inspectors.

9. If the ship is staying in anchorage for greater than 3 days, the deck must be cleaned and kept dry of any standing water every 4th day of stay. All the Laundry rooms, toilets, bathrooms, galley, ship deck, lifeboats (Open type), rescue boats, forward, aft mooring rope areas, safe valve opening points or drip tray points on deck, containers, any plastic sheets or open drums, paint drums, tyres, manifolds (tankers), containers and free space between deck & containers, Compressor points of the freezer containers (Container Ship) are all to be kept dry. The rescue boats motor testing drums to be scrub cleaned before arrival and kept dry and in store. To use the same only during the testing day and all other days to be kept dry and in covered store. To keep all the Garbage Collection drums on deck covered. The floor of Garbage drums to be free of water stagnation, inspected scrubbed clean and sprayed once before arrival to anchorage. The Tarpaulin Sheets covering any Pilot Ladders, machineries are to be scrubbed clean on a weekly basis and once before arrival to anchorage. Swimming Pool to be also scrubbed clean & insecticide spray operations done once before arrival to anchorage. To log it in the Official log for inspection.

10. If any live water plants are there on board the bed, floor if kept in racks are to be checked and dried clean. Weekly cleaning to be done for all such areas.

11. All container ships to give the information of the Freezer Containers loaded from the last 30 days port of call, discharge ports, the number of empty containers. The ship must give instructions to the lines that all the compressor area are to be kept free of water collections, cleaned, sprayed insecticide once before loading. The ship must keep them free of water collections and do the insecticides spray as per advisory given in the Point no.12 below.

12. Car Carriers to ensure the ramp deck is free of water collections in the main ramp, side ramps, all the floor holes for lashing, the store kept there, any tyres kept are to be kept dry and sprayed insecticide. All platoons or machineries from the last ports to be free of water collections and the vulnerable points to be cleared. The tally room, toilets, other rooms to be kept clean and dry, sprayed insecticide once before arrival to anchorage. To log it in the Official log for inspection.

13. All ships coming from Yellow Fever areas within 30 days to Indian Port, to keep the ship free of water collection and **Spray Pyrethrum insecticide spray** at all places as mentioned in **S.No.10, above** as soon as from the port of departure & 24 & 6 hours before arrival to the anchorage point. **(Drying up all water collections, preventing any open water storage, insecticide spraying operations for the ship. To keep the Empty cans on board for scrutiny.)**

14. To keep good sanitation of the ship.

15. The Port Operations at the Yellow Fever Endemic Countries to be submitted with details:

1. Duration of the Port Stay.

2. Was the Port Operations at Jetty or at stream 500 metres-3 miles from shore or at an anchor point greater than 3 miles.

3. What is the cargo operations carried out?

4. If your vessel was at anchorage only what kind of vessel operations carried out? Give details of the number of times shore vessels was in contact with your vessel.

5. Did any local persons stay on board for cargo operations like surveyors, cargo owners or receivers or stevedores, if so details.

6. Did any shore person get any medical assistance from the ship during port operations? Give details.

7. Did your ship receive any stores or bunker or water through vessels in anchorage?

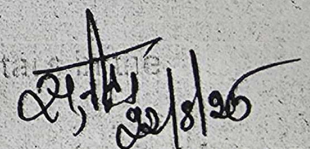
8. Were there any rains during your stay at the port operations?
9. Were there any rains during voyage?
10. How many of your crew went on shore leave to city? If so the details.
16. To have rodents & insects (cockroaches, mosquitoes etc.) free. Pest Control measures may be applied if there are pests.
17. The following documents to be sent by e-mail 5 days before arrival to the Ports in Andhra Pradesh Coast, to phovizagport@yahoo.com

1. Maritime declaration of health with the filled attached schedule, crew list with joining dates & port of call list with arrival and departure dates, with country Name also.
2. Yellow fever vaccination list & scanned copy of the certificates of all crew in pdf format.
3. Medical log book entry for the 1 month.
4. Shore visit for any medical assistance in one month with details in the attached schedule of the maritime declaration of health.
5. All new sign on crew with the nationality, port, date of sign on, details of travel route, transit time in airport, stay outside airport, hotel, their current health status in the past one month.
6. All new crew joined at the African or south American ports (list attached) with the details of their travel route, transit time in airport/period of stay outside the airport, hotel.
7. Kindly send the sspec & medicine chest certificate in pdf format.

To keep the hard copies of the above ready for quarantine officer inspection, during health screening for free pratique.

The above Guidelines have been issued by the Port Health Officer, Visakhapatnam, in terms of International Health Regulations (2005) / IPHR (1955).

4. Shore visit for medical assistance in one month with details in the attached schedule of the maritime declaration of health.
 5. All new sign on crew with the nationality, port, date of sign on, details of travel route, transit time in airport, stay outside airport, hotel, their current health status in the past one month.
- C/- P.S to Chairperson for favor of information of Chairperson.
- C/- P.S to Dy. Chairperson for favor of information of Dy. Chairperson.
- C/- President, Visakhapatnam Steam Ship Agents Association for information please. (vsaa2001@gmail.com)
- C/- President, Visakhapatnam Stevedores Association, for information please. (vstevedoresassociation@gmail.com)
- C/- President, Visakhapatnam Customs Brokers Association, for information please. (info@vcba.com)
- C/- Jt. Director (R&P) for information and request to place the circular in Port Website.
- C/- Shipping Asst. (Traffic Department), to circulate the above to Trade through e-mail.
- In terms of International Health Regulations (2005) / IPHR (1955).


22/8/20
TRAFFIC MANAGER