MERCHANT SHIPPING NOTICE Ref: 16 of 2020

Title: IMO-WHO instructions to deal with COVID-19

Notice to: Ship Owners/Masters/Seafarers/Shipping Operators/Port Authority/
Managers of Mauritian Flagged Vessels/Recruiting and Manning
Agents/Port Police/ Port Health Officers/Port Agents/ Occupational
Safety and Health Officers and the whole Shipping Community

The objectives of this Merchant Shipping Notice is to inform all those concerned
of the latest circular letters issued by the IMO and the WHO on various aspects of
preventions and safety for those who are dealing directly with ships and the
movement of seafarers both onboard and ashore so as to minimize the

1. The International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the World Health
Organization (WHO) have just released three (3) Circular Letters which are as
follows;

a. “Recommendations for Governments and relevant national authorities on facilitating the
movement of offshore energy sector personnel during the COVID-19 pandemic.”

b. “Recommended framework of protocols for ensuring safe ship crew changes and travel
during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.” and

c. “Coronavirus – (COVID -19) Personal protective equipment”
2. The above mentioned Circular Letters are numbered as Circular Letters No.4204/Add.13, No.4204/Add.14 and No.4204/Add.15 respectively and are attached herewith.

3. All those concerned are kindly requested to take note of the contents of those documents and to make maximum use of the guidance given.

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