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MERCHANT SHIPPING NOTICE Ref: 6 of 2020

**Title: Instructions to deal with Novel Coronavirus
(COVID-19)**

Notice to: **Ship Owners/Masters/Seafarers/Operators/Port Authorities/ Managers of
Mauritian Flagged vessels/Maritime Training Institutions and the whole
Shipping Community**

The objective of this Merchant Shipping Notice is to issue instructions to deal with Covid-19 with regard to the experience shared by the People's Republic of China on measures taken to minimise the risks of its spreading onboard all ships.

1. Further to Merchant Shipping Notices No's 1-5 of 2020, this Ministry is continuously monitoring the situation with the shipping community and the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) and the World Health Organisation (WHO) on issues directly related to seafarers.
2. In this respect and by way of this Merchant Shipping Notice No. 6 of 2020, this Ministry is bringing to the knowledge of all those concerned of IMO's latest Circular letter No.4221.
3. Circular Letter No. 4221 is on "Guidance on the prevention and control of COVID-19 on board" developed by the People's Republic of China (PRC) and based on ***real experiences*** faced by the shipping community during the outbreak of the COVID-19 there.

4. The above mentioned Circular Letter is attached herewith with this MSN.

5. The Shipping community is invited to take note of the contents of this document and to make maximum use of the guidance given.

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