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## MERCHANT SHIPPING NOTICE Ref: 1 of 2020

### Title: Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

Notice to: **Ship Owners/Masters/Operators/Port Authorities/Crew members and Managers of Mauritian Flagged vessels**

**The objective of this Merchant Shipping Notice is to provide information and guidance on the precautions to be taken by both crewmembers of Mauritius registered vessels and delegates attending meetings at the International Maritime Organisations (IMO) due to the outbreak of novel coronavirus.**

1. **Following the outbreak of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in Wuhan City, Hubei Province of China, this Ministry, through this Merchant Shipping Notice hereby informs all stakeholders that the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) has published guided instructions on the precautions to minimize the risks of propagation of the above virus in Circular Letters 4203 and 4204 which are annexed to this Merchant Shipping Notice.**

2. **Those precautions are to be taken by seafarers, passengers and others on board ships as well as delegates attending meetings in London-UK at the IMO.**

3. **Ship Owners, companies, managers, crewing agents and all those concerned are advised to promulgate information to ensure that seafarers, passengers and others on board ships are provided with accurate and relevant information on the coronavirus outbreak and on the measures to reduce the risk of exposure if they are likely to be engaged on ships trading to and from ports in coronavirus-affected States.**

4. **The Shipping Division of this Ministry is closely monitoring the situation and will inform the shipping community accordingly**.

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