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**Title: Emergency Checklist-Personal injury or Illness
onboard**

Notice to: **Ship Owners/Masters/Officers/Operators and Managers of
Mauritian Flagged vessels**

The objective of this Merchant Shipping Notice is to provide instructions in the form of a Checklist to all those concerned about the occurrence of sudden illness and/or serious injuries onboard Mauritian vessels.

1. Recently there has been a case of sudden illness followed by death of a passenger on board Mauritian flagged vessel.
2. An inquiry was made as per Section 10(3) of the Merchant Shipping Act 2007 (as amended). It was found that all medical attention and appropriate treatment was administered to the patient by the onboard Medical Practitioner, the Master and crew members.
3. The Master had duly complied with his International Safety Management (ISM) procedures as laid down by the vessel's company.
4. In order to improve procedures and communication procedures in the event that such occurrence does happen again, the Shipping Division of this Ministry is issuing a set of minimum actions in the form of a checklist – **See Annex 1.**

5. The list is by no means exhaustive and Masters/Officers in charge onboard Mauritian ships shall take all necessary actions depending upon circumstances and prevailing conditions. The checklist serves only as a guideline and also in case no such system exists onboard.

6. Although in many cases, sudden illness and/or death cannot be predicted, it is the duties of ship owners/ operators/ manning agents/ managers to ensure that in the case of seafarers, the latter have valid Medical Certificates prior embarking onboard and in the case of passengers, all those concerned are to ensure that as far as is reasonable and practicable, the passenger is medically fit to undertake the voyage.

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Annex 1

Emergency Checklist-Personal Injury or Illness onboard

In and around Mauritian waters, Call:

1. National Coast Guard Ops Room: +230 2083935/ +230 2088317; Email: ncgops.mpf@govmu.org

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2. Mauritius Radio Services : +230 2085950/ +230 2110839 ; Email : 3bm.mrs@telecom.mu

	Vessel Name:	Master Name:	IMO No.
A.	Action	Personnel Responsible	Done (Y/N)
1.	On receipt of an Injury or Serious Illness reports, inform the Master & call the following to the location of the casualty:	Crew Member On The Spot Designated medical officer	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of the first aid team with relevant equipment (first aid kit, stretcher, resuscitator, splints etc.). 	Crew Member On the Spot Designated medical officer	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The designated on board Medical Officer. 	Crew Member On the Spot Designated medical officer	
	Where there is no threat to his own life, the person initially at the scene to administer “ first aid”:	Master / Designated Medical Officer	
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Airway kept clear. 	Master / Designated Medical Officer	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breathing and heartbeat ensured (otherwise CPR required). 	Master / Designated Medical Officer	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bleeding controlled (casualty not to be moved unless imperative). 	Master / Designated Medical Officer	
3.	In the situation where there could be a threat to a rescuer’s life (e.g. casualty in a gas or oxygen deficient atmosphere in a confined space), then the resources of the normal on-board emergency squad must be called for with safety equipment squad as compressed air breathing apparatus etc.	Master / Designated Medical Officer	
4.	Portable radio communication means to be set up between onsite operations & Master.	Master	
5.	Method for transporting casualty to ship’s hospital to be formulated & additional equipment & personnel called in the case that a vertical or near vertical lift/hoist will be required.	Master / Designated Medical Officer	
6.	Company communication & relevant international radio station manuals to be consulted in order to plan for a possible “Medivac”, with notification to relevant external parties.	Master / GMDSS Officer	
	If a “Medivac” is envisaged, preparations to be made to either:	Master / Ch. Officer	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive a launch from shore or other ship alongside (fenders, stretcher transfer means, position rendezvous etc.) 	Master / Ch. Officer	

7.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive a helicopter (consult ICS guide to helicopter/ship operations for safety requirements dependent upon whether helicopter will land on deck or winching only possible). 	Master / Ch. Officer	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transfer casualty using own rescue or survival craft, to nearby ship with better medical facilities. 	Master / Ch. Officer	
8.	If necessary, seek medical advice by radio using the international radio station in Rome, Italy that offers medical advice to merchant ships.	Master / GMDSS Officer	
9.	Record to be kept of events in the case than an accident report form is required to be completed	Master	
10.	Report to the Office.	Master	