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MERCHANT SHIPPING NOTICE Ref: 15 of 2020

**Title: Guidelines for Port workers and the Shipping
Community to deal with COVID-19**

Notice to: **Ship Owners/Masters/Seafarers/Shipping Operators/Ports Authority/Cargo
Handling Companies/Port Police/Customs/Ship's Agents and the whole Shipping
Community**

***The objective of this Merchant Shipping Notice is to circulate to those who are
on the front line in Shipping Ports, to take effective measures to prevent and
control the spread of COVID-19.***

1. Further to previous Merchant Shipping Notices, this Ministry has received the latest Circular from the International Maritime Organization (IMO) related to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
2. In this respect and by way of this Merchant Shipping Notice No. 15 of 2020, this Ministry is bringing to the knowledge of all those concerned of IMO's Circular Letter No.4221/Add.4.
3. The above mentioned Circular issued by the IMO and attached herewith, was transmitted by the Government of the People's Republic of China and is titled "*Guidance on the Prevention and Control of Covid-19 for Ports and Its Front Line Staff*" to prevent cross-border transmission of the virus so as to shore up the resilience and sustainability of supply chains.

4. 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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