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MERCHANT SHIPPING NOTICE Ref: 13 of 2020

Title: IMO-WHO-ILO instructions and EC Guidelines to deal with COVID-19

Notice to: **Ship Owners/Masters/Seafarers/Operators/Port Authorities/
Managers of Mauritian Flagged vessels/Port Police/Port Health Officers/
Port Agents/ Occupational Safety and Health Officers and the whole
Shipping Community**

The objective of this Merchant Shipping Notice is to inform all those concerned of the circular pertaining to the Joint Statement IMO-WHO-ILO on medical certificates of seafarers, ship sanitation certificates and medical care of seafarers and the European Community's (EC) Guidelines on protection of health, repatriation and travel arrangements for seafarers, passengers and other persons on board ships in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

1. Further to previous Merchant Shipping Notices issued, this Ministry has received further communications from the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) regarding their new Joint Statement with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Labour Organization (ILO) concerning “**medical certificates of seafarers, ship sanitation certificates and medical care of seafarers**”.
2. In addition, the European Community has developed Guidelines to assist the Shipping Community with the “**Protection of health, repatriation and travel arrangements for seafarers, passengers and other persons on board ships**”.
3. Both documents are in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

4. In this respect and by way of this Merchant Shipping Notice No. 13 of 2020, this Ministry is bringing to the knowledge of all those concerned the contents of IMO's latest Circular letters Nos.4204/Add.10 and 4204/Add.11.

5. The above mentioned Circular Letters are attached herewith with this Merchant Shipping Notice and the Shipping community is invited to take note of the contents of those documents and to make maximum use of the guidance given.

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