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**MERCHANT SHIPPING NOTICE Ref: 12 of 2020**

**Title: Instructions to deal with COVID-19**

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

*The objectives of this Merchant Shipping Notice are to update the Shipping Community on the personal message from IMO Secretary-General Mr Kitack Lim to seafarers and circulate the Joint Statement IMO-WCO on the integrity of the global supply chain during the COVID-19 pandemic*

1. The Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) sends his best wishes to all seafarers across the globe and at the same time acknowledges and recognizes the considerable efforts put, sacrifices made and the hardships that ship workers have been and are still facing with the COVID-19 situation.
2. In addition, the Secretary-General of the World Customs Organization (WCO) and the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) have jointly issued a statement to assist States in ensuring that health measures are implemented in ways that minimize unnecessary interference with international traffic and trade.
3. The Shipping community is invited to take note of the contents of both documents attached herewith and to circulate to all those concerned.

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