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MERCHANT SHIPPING NOTICE Ref: 8 of 2020

Title: Instructions to Ship owners and all those associated with ship's orders and who might be affected about timely delivery as a result the Covid-19 situation

Notice to: **Actual and prospective Ship Owners/Managers of Mauritian Flagged vessels/ Ship Builders and equipment suppliers/Recognised Organizations.**

The objective of this Merchant Shipping Notice is to inform all those concerned of the latest Circular Letter published by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to clarify the applications of the International Maritime Conventions on new constructions and delivery dates greatly affected due to the present situation.

1. Further to Merchant Shipping Notices No's 1-7 of 2020, this Ministry is continuously monitoring the situation with the shipping community and the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the World Health Organisation (WHO) on issues directly related to the Shipping Community.
2. In this respect and by way of this Merchant Shipping Notice No. 8 of 2020, this Ministry is bringing to the knowledge of all those concerned of IMO's latest Circular letter No.4204/Add.7
3. Circular Letter No. 4204/Add.7 is on "Guidance concerning unforeseen delays in the delivery of ships", during the COVID-19 pandemic.
4. The above mentioned Circular Letter is attached herewith with this MSN.

5. All those concerned and associated with ship building and delivery and Ship Surveys are invited to take note of the contents of this document especially about the “Unified Interpretations” on building contracts, date keel laid and delivery date for the requirements of SOLAS and MARPOL Conventions”.
6. Regarding Ship(s) due to be delivered and flying the Mauritius Flag, Annex 3 of this IMO Circular will be applied on a case by case basis.

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