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To

President

Marmugao Shipping agents association

Marmugao Port

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Sub: Advisory on 2019 novel corona virus-reg.

Sir,

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have alerted about 2019 novel corona virus infection (2019 nCoV) which occurred in wuhan city in china. The affected patients have reported to have symptoms of Acute respiratory illness with history of fever and cough suggestive of bilateral pneumonia requiring admission to hospital within 14 days of contact. Few of them have developed severe acute respiratory illness (SARI). As on 21.01.2020, there were 314 Laboratory confirmed cases. 51 of the affected patients are in severe condition and 12 critically ill with 6 deaths. Apart from China and Hongkong (309 cases), Thailand (2 cases), Japan (1 case), Singapore (1 case) republic of Korea (1 cases) have reported travel related Novel Corona Virus cases and these cases were exported from Wuhan city, china.

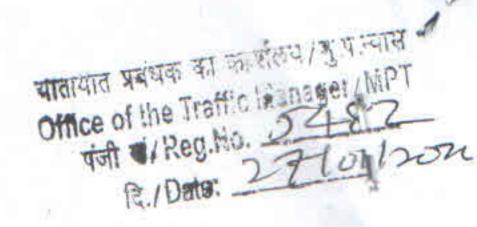
Since Marmugao port receives ships, crews and passengers from China, Hong Kong and Singapore, Ministry of Health and Family has asked all the point of Entries i.e. airports and ports to be on alert for a possible importation into India of 2019 nCoV.

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Hence all the shipping agents through President, Marmugao shipping agents association should be alerted and informed about novel corona virus illness and action to be taken.

- 1. All the ships which is touching wuhan port or any port in china and has crew or passengers who has embarked from wuhan city or has visited wuhan city or affected regions should be made aware about the Novel Corona Virus by Email by the respective shipping agents.
- Any passengers or crew members who voluntarily report with symptoms can be referred to Port Health Office for shifting them to recognized hospital for isolation and treatment, if required.
- 3. Proper personal hygiene and respiratory etiquette has to be followed by all stakeholders including passengers and crew from the affected countries which are
  - 1. Avoiding close contact with people suffering from acute respiratory infections:
  - Frequent hand washing, especially after direct contact with ill people or their environment:
  - 3. Avoiding close contact with live or dead farm or wild animals:
  - Travellers with symptoms of acute respiratory infection should practice cough etiquette (maintain distance, cover mouth and sneeze on disposable tissues or clothing, and wash hands).
- 4. A certificate is required from the ships master or doctor to the effect that the none of the crews and passengers have visited the affected countries and are not suffering from Novel Corona Virus disease.
- 5. The details of the Chinese crews/passengers and of other nationalities along with their embarkation date and place must be made available in the maritime declaration of health in the column just below list port of call (upon request of the competent authority at the port of arrival list crew members/ passengers/ or other persons of Chinese and other nationalities who have joined ship/vessel from China and Hongkong within the last 14 days including all ports and countries visited during this period) (sample copy attached. Items marked 1,2,3,4 to be mandatorily filled)
- Awareness classes have to be given to shipping agents as they are the first persons to come in contact with passengers and crews at the port.



I am enclosing the Novel Corona Virus alert advisory to be circulated to all the ships by their respective shipping agents.

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Kindly circulated the advisory to all shipping agents in Goa.

Please contact the Port Health Office on 0832-2520292 & 0832-2521886 for any clarification. We will update the guidelines as and when directions are received from the ministry.

With regards,

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