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Visakhapatnam, Dated: 24th January 2020

To
The Chairman
Visakhapatnam Steamship Agents Association
Visakhapatnam Seaport

Sub: Advisory on 2019 Novel Corona Virus – regarding.

Sir,

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India has issued an alert about 2019 Novel Corona Virus (nCoV) infection which occurred in Wuhan city, China. The affected patients are reported to have developed symptoms of Acute Respiratory illness within 14 days of contact, with history of Fever and Cough, and requiring hospital admission. Few of them have developed Sever Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI).

Apart from China, Hong Kong, Thailand, Singapore, South Korea, Japan, USA & Vietnam have reported travel related Novel Corona Virus cases.

The MoHFW has asked all the Points of Entries (PoEs), i.e. the Airports & Ports to be on alert for possible importation into India of 2019 nCov from China.

Since Visakhapatnam Seaport has ships arriving from many of these countries, all shipping agents should be alerted and informed through VSAA about novel corona virus illness and the action to be taken as detailed below:

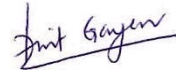
1. All ships arriving from Wuhan/any other port in China, or with crew, who have embarked, having a travel history to Wuhan /other affected areas within the past 14 days, should be informed and made aware about the Novel Corona Virus illness by email by the respective shipping agents well before arrival to Visakhapatnam Seaport.
2. Any crew member/passenger who voluntarily reports with symptoms, should be referred to the Port Health Organisation for shifting to the designated Hospital for isolation and treatment, if required.
3. Proper personal hygiene and respiratory etiquette should be followed by all stakeholders including crew members/passengers from affected areas, which include:
 - a. Avoiding close contact with those having symptoms of acute respiratory infection
 - b. Frequent hand washing, especially after direct contact with sick people or their environment.
 - c. Avoiding close contact with live or dead farm/wild animals
 - d. Persons with symptoms of Acute Respiratory infection should practice cough etiquette (maintain distance, cover mouth while coughing, sneeze into disposable tissues and wash hands).
4. Maritime Declaration of Health should be accompanied by an undertaking that no crew member/passenger have a travel history to Wuhan city/other affected areas within the past 14 days and are not suffering from any symptoms suggestive of Novel Corona Virus illness.

Enclosed Novel Corona Virus Alert advisory is to be circulated to all ships by their respective shipping agents.

The advisory to be circulated to all Shipping Agents at Visakhapatnam Seaport.

Further guidelines will be updated when directions are received from the Ministry.

भवदीय / Yours faithfully,



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NOVEL CORONA VIRUS ALERT ADVISORY

**For All Travellers
who have visited China,
particularly through Wuhan city,
Hubei province of China
during past 14 days
And**

- **Are having one or more of the following symptoms:
Acute onset of Fever, Cough, Shortness of Breath**

SHOULD REPORT TO PORT HEALTH OFFICE

- **For other Travellers (Those without any Symptoms)**

Travellers who have visited the affected countries and do not have any symptoms on arrival, but develop the above mentioned symptoms within 28 days of arrival in India, should report to the nearest Hospital Facility or State / District Health Authorities immediately.