

MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE

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Shipping Community

**SINGAPORE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATED ADVISORY FOR THE  
MARINE & OFFSHORE SECTOR**

This advisory brings to the attention of the Singapore Economic Development Board's (EDB), requirements for all vessels arriving shipyards for repair in the Port of Singapore, updated 10 Mar 2021.

2 The purpose of this advisory is to highlight to the shipping, harbour and pleasure craft communities on the Industry Advisory "Mandatory Precautionary Measures for Shipyards".

3 The requirements are listed in EDB's circular as attached in ANNEX A and B.

4 Should you have any further queries, please feel free to reach out to your respective shipyard manager. Alternatively, if you have any questions you would like to raise, please contact EDB at [cco@edb.gov.sg](mailto:cco@edb.gov.sg)

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10 March 2021

## **UPDATED ADVISORY FOR THE MARINE & OFFSHORE SECTOR**

1. The Economic Development Board (“EDB”) would like to inform all Marine & Offshore companies on the updated advisory for the Marine & Offshore sector dated 19 February 2021 as attached in Annex A.
  
2. Marine & Offshore companies are required to comply with prevailing COVID-Safe Restart Criteria for Shipyards, Resident Contractors and Common Contractors (Marine & Offshore); i.e. COVID-Safe Workforce, COVID-Safe Worksite and COVID-Safe Accommodation and Transport, where relevant.
  
3. Shipping, harbour and pleasure craft communities are also reminded to comply strictly with the Mandatory Precautionary Measures for shipyard repair calls and waterfront facilities accepting vessels in Singapore as attached in Annex B.
  
4. All Marine & Offshore companies are to update and submit their Safe Management Measures (SMM) via the link provided in the advisory by 19 March 2021.
  
5. For enquiries, Marine & Offshore companies can contact EDB at [cco@edb.gov.sg](mailto:cco@edb.gov.sg).

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VICE PRESIDENT

EDB CENTRAL COVID-19 OPERATIONS

## Annex A



19 February 2021

### UPDATED ADVISORY FOR THE MARINE & OFFSHORE SECTOR

1. Since the Multi-Ministry Taskforce announced on 19 May 2020 that the Circuit Breaker measures would gradually ease from 2 June 2020, the Marine & Offshore sector was permitted to resume work in phases, but in a safe and controlled manner to minimise the risk of a COVID-19 resurgence.
2. Under the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020 (“COVID-19 Act”) and the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) Regulations 2020 (“Control Order”), activities under Marine & Offshore<sup>1</sup> which had been suspended during Circuit Breaker were allowed to resume work with approval from the Economic Development Board (EDB) or Enterprise Singapore (ESG) on behalf of the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI).
3. Marine & Offshore companies are required to comply with additional COVID-Safe Restart Criteria for Shipyards, Resident Contractors and Common Contractors (Marine & Offshore); i.e. COVID-Safe Workforce, COVID-Safe Worksite and COVID-Safe Accommodation and Transport, where relevant.
  - (a) **COVID-Safe Workforce:** Employers must ensure that the following groups of employees undergo regular swab tests:
    - i. Employees who work on the Shipyards’ production sites or at Contractors’ workshops; and/or
    - ii. Employees who stay in purpose-built dormitories, factory-converted dormitories, construction temporary quarters or temporary occupation licence quarters.

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<sup>1</sup> This includes Shipyards, Resident Contractors and Common Contractors as per the Ministry of Manpower’s (MOM’s) definition of the Marine Shipyard Sector, and other companies under Singapore Standard Industrial Classification (SSIC) codes 28112, 28241, 30110 and 30120.

- (b) **COVID-Safe Worksite:** TraceTogether or BluePass Tokens must be actively used. Additional COVID-Safe Restart measures must be enforced at worksites to prevent major COVID-19 outbreaks. These include segregating workers by split teams that minimise interaction and have staggered breaks. Safe Management Officers (SMOs) and/or Safe Distancing Officers (SDOs) are to be appointed as part of safe management measures at the worksite.
  - (c) **COVID-Safe Worker Accommodation and Transport:** Employers are to segregate workers by split teams that minimise interaction at their places of accommodation and provide dedicated transport for workers living in dormitories to and from their work sites, if workers are not residing at onsite accommodation.
4. It is essential for all companies along the value chain to cooperate and minimise the risk of a COVID-19 resurgence.
  5. The full listing and details of the COVID-Safe Restart Criteria for Shipyards, Resident Contractors and Common Contractors (Marine & Offshore) may be downloaded from MTI's GoBusiness portal (<https://covid.gobusiness.gov.sg>).

#### **Other Marine & Offshore Companies**

6. Other Marine & Offshore companies (excluding Shipyards, Resident Contractors and Common Contractors) previously approved by MTI during the Circuit Breaker are to adhere to comply with additional COVID-Safe Restart Criteria for Shipyards, Resident Contractors and Common Contractors (Marine & Offshore).
7. Companies must put in place safe management measures, in line with the Ministry of Manpower (MOM)'s latest advisories<sup>2</sup> and COVID-Safe Restart Criteria for Shipyards, Resident Contractors and Common Contractors (Marine & Offshore).

#### **Audit and Inspection**

8. An Audit and Inspection regime will be implemented by EDB COVID Audit & Inspection (CAI) to check on the implementation of COVID-Safe management measures. Marine & Offshore companies will be responsible for ensuring compliance with the measures and all prevailing legal and regulatory requirements, and for putting in place the procedures and COVID-Safe management plans or declaration checklists, approved by EDB/ESG on behalf of MTI.

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.mom.gov.sg/covid-19/requirements-for-safe-management-measures>

## Updates and Clarifications

9. There will be regular reviews of measures and requirements as the global and local COVID-19 situations evolve. You can refer to MTI's GoBusiness portal (<https://covid.gobusiness.gov.sg/>) for updates.
10. For foreign-owned enterprises and large local enterprises, please contact EDB at <http://www.edb.gov.sg/en/contact/contact-us.html> if you have any queries or require clarifications. All other local enterprises can contact ESG at <https://covid.gobusiness.gov.sg/contact-us/> if you have any queries or require clarifications.
- 11. All M&O Companies are to update and submit their company's SMM to <https://form.gov.sg/#!/5f97e2cff627ec001170fe81> by 19 March 2021**

## **Annex B – Additional Measures for Shipyards and Waterfront Facilities (e.g. Loyang Offshore Supply Base) Accepting Vessels**

### **MANDATORY PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR SHIPYARD REPAIR CALLS AND WATERFRONT FACILITIES ACCEPTING VESSELS IN SINGAPORE**

To mitigate the risks of COVID-19 transmission from vessel crew, shipyards and waterfront facilities are to implement the following measures when accepting vessels at their premises.

If the vessel is unable to meet all criteria, the shipyard cannot accept the repair call. Shipyards can approach their respective account managers from the Singapore Economic Development Board (EDB) or Enterprise Singapore (ESG) and copy to EDB Central COVID Ops (CCO) team at [cco@edb.gov.sg](mailto:cco@edb.gov.sg), with their specific queries at least 7 days in advance. The case will be assessed if other suitable risk mitigation measures can be implemented. An approval may be given on a case-by-case basis.

<b>Mandatory Precautionary Measures for Shipyard Repair Calls and Waterfront Facilities Accepting Vessels in Singapore</b>	
<b>Criteria for Default Approval</b>	
<b>Passenger Ships<sup>3</sup></b> <i>(e.g. cruise ships, crew boats, yachts, ferries, etc.)</i>	<b>Non-Passenger Ships</b> <i>(e.g. harbour craft, tankers, bulk carriers, container and cargo vessels, oil rigs, semi-submersibles, FPSOs, offshore construction and offshore support vessels such as DSVs, AHTS, PSVs, pipelay vessels, etc.)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ship must have been <u>at sea for minimally 14 days</u> prior to entering the Port of Singapore, unless it had previously departed from Singapore without any embarkation; or arriving from a declared lay-up location or repatriation port where there has been no crew signed on or physical crew interaction with onshore personnel for minimally 14 days.</li> <li>• For entry into shipyards, the total number of crew onboard is less than 250 persons.</li> <li>• There is a maximum of 20 sign-ons per shipyard call. Sign-ons will be carried out according to the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore’s (MPA) crew change guidelines within 48 hours prior to ship’s departure from Singapore.</li> <li>• There is a maximum of 50 signoffs per shipyard call. Signoffs can be carried out in the shipyard according to MPA’s crew change guidelines.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ship must <u>not have had any sign-ons within the last 14 days</u> prior to entering the Port of Singapore.</li> <li>• All crew must <u>not have had shore leave within the last 14 days</u> prior to entering the Port of Singapore.</li> <li>• If the ship had called on the list of countries in Immigration and Checkpoints Authority’s (ICA) Travel Advisory (<a href="https://safetravel.ica.gov.sg/files/SHN-and-swab-summary.pdf">https://safetravel.ica.gov.sg/files/SHN-and-swab-summary.pdf</a>) requiring a pre-departure swab test within the last 14 days prior to entering the Port of Singapore, yards must ensure that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A negative COVID-19 PCR test for all crew was taken 72 hours before departure from the last port of call coinciding with the list of countries state and before issuance of Shipyard Acceptance letter.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• An on-arrival PCR test for all crew is done onboard the ship in the yard or berthed next to shore<sup>5</sup>. No shore-based worker, except</li> </ul>

<sup>3</sup> Passenger and Non-Passenger Ships together form an exhaustive list of all ships coming into yards for repair.

<sup>5</sup> Any Ministry of Health, Singapore (MOH) Licensed Healthcare Institute (HCI) listed in <https://www.moh.gov.sg/licensing-and-regulation/regulations-guidelines-and-circulars/details/list-of->

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any pre-departure swab tests required for signoffs from Singapore are to be done onboard the ship in the yard or berthed next to shore<sup>4</sup>.</li> <li>• Crew change is allowed based on the prevailing limits for sign-ons and signoffs.</li> <li>• Shore leave for crew is subject to MPA's prevailing shore leave framework.</li> </ul>	<p>approved essential personnel, is allowed to board the ship, until all crew swab test results are cleared. Shipyards are to seek EDB/ESG approval for these essential workers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• While in Singapore waters, only shore personnel approved by MPA to board for the ship's preparation to call at shipyard (i.e. MPA Port Chemist, PSA harbour pilot and shipyard's Dockmaster) are allowed to board the vessel before the on-arrival crew swab test results are cleared.</li> <li>• For entry into shipyards, the total number of crew onboard is less than 100 persons.</li> <li>• There is a maximum of 20 sign-ons per shipyard call. Sign-ons will be carried out according to MPA's crew change guidelines within 48 hours prior to ship's departure from Singapore.</li> <li>• There is a maximum of 50 signoffs per shipyard call. Signoffs can be carried out in yard according to MPA's crew change guidelines.</li> <li>• Any pre-departure swab tests required for signoffs from Singapore are to be done onboard the ship in the yard or berthed next to shore.</li> <li>• Crew change is allowed based on the prevailing limits for sign-ons and signoffs.</li> <li>• Shore leave for crew is subject to MPA's prevailing shore leave framework.</li> </ul>
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[covid-19-swab-providers](#) that is approved to perform offsite PCR tests can perform the pre-departure PCR test for sign-offs and on-arrival PCR test onboard the ship in the yard or berthed next to shore. No PCR tests shall be performed at anchorage. If the HCI is not approved by MOH Licensing Division to perform offsite PCR, it will need to seek MOH Licensing Division's approval via [eLIS@moh.gov.sg](mailto:eLIS@moh.gov.sg) (cc [cco@edb.gov.sg](mailto:cco@edb.gov.sg)).

<sup>4</sup> Any Ministry of Health, Singapore (MOH), Licensed Healthcare Institutes (HCI) listed in <https://www.moh.gov.sg/licensing-and-regulation/regulations-guidelines-and-circulars/details/list-of-covid-19-swab-providers> that is approved to perform offsite swab tests can perform the pre-departure swab test for sign-offs and on-arrival swab test onboard the ship in the yard or berthed next to shore. No swab tests shall be performed at anchorage. If the HCI is not approved by MOH Licensing Division to perform offsite swabs, it will need to seek MOH Licensing Division's approval via [eLIS@moh.gov.sg](mailto:eLIS@moh.gov.sg) (cc [cco@edb.gov.sg](mailto:cco@edb.gov.sg)).