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Notice of Shanghai Government on the Requirements for the Healthy Management of Ship Crew from Key Countries (the “Notice”)

The Notice was announced by the Shanghai Government on 20 March. It clarifies the requirements for changing seafarers in Shanghai port. It is anticipated that the other ports in China will adopt a similar approach on the change of seafarers when the international sea-going vessels are calling at the relevant ports in China.

The below is a free English translation of the key provisions of the Notice prepared by the China Liaison Office.

The main contents are as follows:

- Ships returning to Shanghai from non-key countries can carry out normal change of crew in Shanghai.
- Ships returning to Shanghai from key countries shall minimize the change of crew. According to news released by Shanghai Government, starting from 00:00 on March 20, a total of 24 countries including South Korea, Italy, Iran, Japan, France, Spain, Germany, United States, United Kingdom, Switzerland, Sweden, Belgium, Norway, Netherlands, Denmark, Austria, Australia, Malaysia, Greece, the Czech Republic, Finland, Qatar, Canada, Saudi Arabia are the key countries for epidemic prevention and control.

Specifically, there are three case scenarios:-

1. Change and quarantine requirements

- (1) Before the vessel is calling at the port, shipping companies and their agents shall make advance report to the relevant customs, immigration authority and maritime safety administration;
- (2) If the period from the relevant key country to Shanghai is more than 14 days, no quarantine is required;

- (3) If it is less than 14 days from the relevant key country to Shanghai, the vessel will be quarantined until the expiration of 14 days (counting from the time of departure from the previous port recorded in the logbook)
- (4) The shipping company shall directly send the crew to be quarantined to the quarantine place;
- (5) Crew members shall not leave the quarantine place without authorisation during quarantine;
- (6) Where the crew members have a fixed residence in Shanghai, they shall be quarantined from their homes;
- (7) If the crew does not have a fixed residence in Shanghai, the shipping company and its agent shall arrange the residence for centralized isolation. During the quarantine period, single-person single-room living and centralized closed management shall be implemented;
- (8) The quarantined crew should accept the supervision of the local health department and the community, and shall take a self-test twice a day. If there is any abnormal symptom such as fever, the shipping company and its agent should immediately report to the local health department and arrange such person to be transferred to the designated medical institutions for treatment. Shipping companies and their agents shall report the final disposition of the disembarked crew to the customs and the immigration authority in a timely manner.

2. *Prohibition of change of crew*

- (1) If there are any suspected or confirmed cases on board, the health department at the port shall detect and isolate all the other crew members on board first, and then transfer any of them who has any abnormal symptom such as fever to the medial institution for treatment.
- (2) Shipping companies shall implement relevant epidemic prevention measures for ships and crew members in accordance with the requirements of the customs, immigration authority and maritime safety administration. Before eliminating the risk of infection, all crew members must be isolated on the vessel, and no change of crew shall be arranged. It is strictly prohibited to disembark any crew members from the vessel and allow them to enter Shanghai.

3. *Miscellaneous*

- (1) During the voyage, the master of the vessel should urge the crew to take personal protection, take a self-test for body temperature twice a day, and make record.
- (2) If any abnormal symptom such as fever is found, timely measures should be taken to isolate the relevant crew member, and the situation should be immediately reported to the customs, the immigration authority and the maritime safety administration of the next port to be called. Upon receipt of the report, the maritime safety administration shall promptly notify

the relevant port operator, and the port operator shall contact the local health department in accordance with the procedure for dealing with the fever patients.

- (3) During the berthing operation of ships which returned to Shanghai from key countries, except for the change of crew members, all other personnel on board the vessel shall not disembark save for any extraordinary situation.
- (4) The port operator shall arrange personnel on duty to accurately and truthfully record the identity information, contact information, reasons and time of boarding and disembarking of all persons, and summarise the identity information of the person who disembarked on the day of disembarkation, the place of quarantine in Shanghai, and contact information in a timely manner. The report shall also be sent to the port traffic team of the Shanghai Municipal Epidemic Prevention and Control Headquarter as well as the local health department at the place of quarantine.