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Dear Members,

Suspension of activities at workplace premises in the maritime sector to reduce COVID-19 Transmission

On 3 April 2020, the Singapore Ministry of Health (MOH) issued a media release on “Additional Measures to Minimise Further Spread of COVID-19”. All business, social, or other activities that cannot be conducted through telecommuting from home will be suspended from 7 April 2020 to 4 May 2020 (inclusive). Essential Services and their related supply chains, as well as entities that form a part of the global supply chain, are exempted from the suspension.

As maritime industry is a key economic sector and the Port of Singapore is critical in ensuring the flow of goods, PSA and Jurong Port will remain open for cargo operations and will continue to provide essential marine services including bunkering, ship stores and ship supplies.

Maritime-related activities will be exempted from the suspension, including:

- a. Shipping e.g. ship operators and liner operators
- b. Shipping-related services e.g. ship management and ship agencies
- c. Safety and navigation services e.g. class societies, pilotage, salvage and towage
- d. Port and terminal operations including construction
- e. Port marine services e.g. classification societies, ship chandlers, bunkering, ferry service

Maritime entities may check their eligibility for this exemption at www.mpa.gov.sg/es_enquiry.

Entities which would like to be exempted from the suspension should first read the guidance document and FAQs provided by Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI), and should they still wish to apply to be exempted, they may make an application www.covid.gobusiness.gov.sg. Only entities performing, or providing critical support for, essential services will be exempted.

Entities will need to submit details of their plans to operate with enhanced safe distancing measures in place at www.covid.gobusiness.gov.sg by 13 April 2020. MPA also requires companies to submit their manpower plans to www.mpa.gov.sg/es_submit by 13 April 2020.

Please refer to the attached **Port Marine Circulars No. 20 OF 2020** for more details on the above.

On crew change regulations, please refer to the attached **Port Marine Circulars No. 019 OF 2020**.

In view of the new measures, all SSA Secretariat staff will be telecommuting from 7 April 2020. We are contactable via our emails as published in our earlier circular on 1 April 2020. We remain committed to serve our members to our best ability amidst the challenging situation.

Thank you.