



NATIONAL SHIPPING ADJUSTERS



TECHNICAL LETTER No 28/2020

FROM: NASHA Technical Department
TO: EXCLUSIVE SURVEYORS/OWNERS
SUBJECT: **MMN-02\2020**
DATE: MARCH 26TH, 2020

Dear Exclusive Surveyor

By this technical letter, we inform you about the MMN 02-2020 updated where the Panama Maritime Authority recommends to implement the following measures on board ships:

1. Seafarers calling at worldwide ports are advised to wear masks and take precautionary measures to avoid getting infected with a new coronavirus and prevent its potential spreading.
2. When entering worldwide ports, seafarers are expected to remain onboard their ships and disembark their vessels only when it is absolutely necessary.
3. In case of any suspected case of coronavirus is found onboard, the ship it should reported to the local authorities and owners immediately and arranges to seek professional medical assistance from ashore for the affected crewmember /s as early as possible.
4. At the same time, proper prevention and separation measures should be taken to avoid contact with other crewmembers to reduce the possibility of any virus being spread.
5. Avoid close contact with anyone showing symptoms of respiratory illness such as coughing and sneezing onboard or ashore.
6. Strictly enforce the ISPS requirements on ensuring that unauthorized personnel do not board the ship throughout the ships port calls.
7. Frequent hand washing.
8. Shipping agencies in Panama, must inform the Ministry of Health (MINSa) and Harbor Master (captaincy of ports) if any crew member or passenger is reported with any of the symptoms of the coronavirus and must coordinate with local health authorities.
9. In those cases where an ISPS verification (interim, initial, intermediate, renewal and additional audits cannot be performed due to the situation of COVID-19 worldwide the operator company/owner/ or Recognized Security Organization may request an authorization, to postpone the ISPS verification, according to the MMC-359 (item 10).
10. From March 23 until next Friday, March 27, the Security Level of Panamanian Port will be raised to the Ports of Colon Container Terminal (CCT), Manzanillo International Terminal (MIT) and Cristobal Ports, from NP1 to NP2.

Please find attached for your reference and waiting for your confirmation of "SAFE RECEIPT, READ and UNDERSTANDING".

Many thanks and best regards,
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