



MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE

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## **PORT HEALTH CLEARANCE PROCEDURES FOR VESSELS ARRIVING SINGAPORE**

- 1 This circular supersedes Port Marine Circular No. 7 of 2000.
- 2 The updated procedures for Port Health Clearance as advised by the Port Health Office are reproduced below.

### **INWARD HEALTH CLEARANCE**

#### Vessels liable for quarantine

- 3 The following categories of vessels will not be granted free/radio pratique and they must anchor on arrival at the Quarantine Anchorage for inspection by the Port Health officers:
  - (a) vessels which have been in any plague-infected area within 60 days prior to arrival in Singapore;
  - (b) vessels which report the occurrence of illness on board with the following signs and symptoms:
    - (1) temperature of 38° C or greater which was accompanied or followed by any one or more of the following – rash, jaundice, glandular swelling, or which persisted for more than 48 hours; and

- (2) diarrhoea, severe enough to interfere with work or normal activity.
- (c) vessels with death on board;
- (d) vessels with high mortality among rodents; and
- (e) vessels with refugees on board.

4 The Master, owner or agent of a vessel under any of the categories mentioned in paragraph 3 shall:

- (a) notify Port Health Office not less than 4 hours and not more than 12 hours before arrival;
- (b) display the appropriate day and night signal when the vessel enters the Singapore Port Limit;
- (c) anchor at the Quarantine Anchorage and wait until port health clearance is obtained from the Port Health Office; and
- (d) ensure that no person, other than a pilot, immigration officer or customs officer, boards or leaves the vessel without the permission of the port health officer.

#### Vessels exempted from Port Health Clearance

5 The following categories of vessels are exempted from port health clearance:

- (a) passenger vessels with no sickness or death (other than deaths from accidents) on board;
- (b) vessels arriving from a non-infected port with no sickness or death on board;
- (c) naval and war ships; and
- (d) vessels going out of port limits for sea trials.

#### Deratting Certificate/Deratting Exemption Certificate and Vessels from Plague-Infected Ports

6 All vessels arriving Singapore are required to be in possession of a valid Deratting Certificate/Deratting Exemption Certificate. Additionally, all vessels arriving from plague-infected ports must be inspected and fumigated if found to be infested with rodents.

7 The port health officer reserves the right to examine any vessel, the right to require the production or submission of any document and the right to require any ship to proceed to the Quarantine anchorage for Inward Health Clearance and/or compliance with health requirements.

8 The Master, owner, or agent is responsible for complying with any health requirement and/or correction of any health irregularity immediately after arrival.

9 Masters, owners and agents are to take note that the granting of port health clearance or radio/free pratique merely clears the vessel as far as Port Health Office is concerned and does not exempt the vessel from the requirements of other Authorities.

## **OUTWARD HEALTH CLEARANCE**

10 Outward health clearance is not required for any vessel.

11 For further information on Port Health matters, Masters, owners and agents may contact the Port Health Office through VHF Channel 14 or at:

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