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NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (2019-NCOV) MANAGEMENT IN THE PORTS OF RUSSIAN FEDERATION

General information

Coronaviruses (CoV) are a large family of viruses that cause illness ranging from the common cold to severe diseases. A novel coronavirus (nCoV) is a new strain that has not been previously identified among humans.

Coronaviruses are zoonotic, meaning they are transmitted between animals and people.

Common signs of infection include respiratory symptoms, fever, cough, shortness of breath and breathing difficulties. In severe cases, infection can cause pneumonia, severe acute respiratory syndrome, kidney failure and even death.

State official position

In accordance to Russian State Officials (expressed during the briefing of Deputy Chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation Tatyana Golikova and the head of Rospotrebnadzor Anna Popova on 03 Feb.2020) there are no grounds for declaring an emergency and introducing additional restrictive measures in connection with the coronavirus in Russia.

Crew control

During customary inward formalities all ships are attended by extended sanitary and quarantine control team. It actually causes longer inward immigration and quarantine clearance; however, this does not affect cargo handling schedule in general as the delay time is typically calculated as several hours only as maximum.

Authorities board vessels wearing safe masks and initially checking all the crew for first signs attributed to fever which is mainly higher body temperature.

All crewmembers detected with such temperature are allowed to disembark and receive medical treatment by a special team of medical staff.

There is no quarantine for 14-days (incubation period) at anchorage applicable to any ships arriving from abroad including those sailing under Chinese flag or with Chinese crew on board.

Cargo operations

Any ships, including those, sailing under Chinese flag or with Chinese crew on board are permitted to conduct cargo-related activities, ship repairs, crew change or taking supplies.

There are no special restrictions applicable for the ships sailing under Chinese flag or with Chinese crew on board.

Personal protective equipment availability

Personal protective equipment, such as masks, isolating costumes are available for entering ships on request.

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