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Uluslararası Deniz Ticaret Odası'ndan (International Chamber of Shipping – ICS) alınan 28.08.2020 tarihli Ek'te sunulan yazıda, Singapur Deniz ve Liman İdaresi (Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore – MPA) tarafından güvenli liman operasyonlarını daha da güvence altına almaya, Singapur Limanı aracılığıyla temel malların akışının devam etmesi için mürettebat değişimini kolaylaştırmaya ve Singapur'un küresel tedarik zincirindeki rolünün devam etmesine yönelik gelişmiş önlemlerin alınacağı bildirilmektedir.

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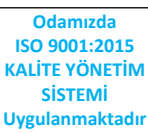
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**TO: LABOUR AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
ALL MEMBERS & ASSOCIATE MEMBERS
BI WEEKLY MEMBERS MEETING PARTICIPANTS
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**SINGAPORE ESTABLISHES CREW FACILITATION CENTRE & SINGAPORE SHIPPING
TRIPARTITE ALLIANCE RESILIENCE FUND FOR SAFE CREW CHANGE**

Action Required: Members are advised to note that ICS has been sent the following information from the MPA in Singapore regarding crew changes.

The MPA has advised that they will be taking enhanced measures to further secure safe port operations and facilitate crew change to allow essential goods to continue to flow through the Port of Singapore, and for Singapore to play its part in the global supply chain.

As a global hub port and international maritime centre, Singapore remains committed to facilitate successful crew changes in a safe manner. To accelerate the process and propagate best practices of safe crew change, MPA, Singapore Shipping Association, Singapore Maritime Officers' Union, and Singapore Organisation of Seamen, will establish a S\$1 million Singapore Shipping Tripartite Alliance Resilience (SG-STAR) Fund to work with stakeholders in seafaring nations on concrete solutions for safe crew changes, such as initiatives on best practices for crew holding facilities and PCR testing centres.

The MPA will be issuing the following media materials shortly.

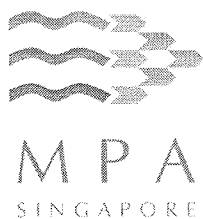
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Director Employment Affairs



MEDIA RELEASE

Singapore, 28 August 2020 | For Immediate Release

Singapore Establishes Crew Facilitation Centre and Singapore Shipping Tripartite Alliance Resilience Fund for Safe Crew Change

The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) will be taking enhanced measures to further secure safe port operations and facilitate crew change. This will allow essential goods to continue to flow through the Port of Singapore, and Singapore to play its part in the global supply chain.

Enhanced Precautionary Measures in the Port

2. MPA has enhanced precautionary measures for ships calling at our port to further protect crew, shore personnel and the local community. Ships seeking to conduct activities such as repairs, servicing, surveys and inspections which require shore personnel to board the ship must inform the Port Master at least three days prior to the arrival of the ship and undertake additional measures including disinfecting working areas in the ship. Please refer to Port Marine Circular 35 of 2020 at [Enclosure 1](#) for more details.
3. MPA has also issued a notice to all harbour pilots on additional precautionary measures to take when conducting pilotage duties on ships.

Enhanced Crew Change Procedures

4. Singapore has been facilitating crew change of all nationalities from ships of different flags, during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. As an international port, many foreign-flagged ships call at Singapore, and MPA has been facilitating change of crew for these ships. Almost all Singapore-registered ships (SRS) managed to conduct crew change, including in Singapore, with the exception of 2% of the crew onboard with extended contracts. MPA will continue to work closely with the owners, operators and managers of SRS on these remaining crew.

5. Seafarers play an important role in keeping international trade and global supply chains going, and hence, MPA will take further steps to enable crew change to take place in Singapore safely.

Crew Facilitation Centre

6. With effect from 1 September 2020, MPA, with the support of PSA Singapore, will use its existing floating accommodation to set up a Crew Facilitation Centre (CFC) at the Tanjong Pagar Terminal. It is a self-contained facility with an onsite medical centre, testing and holding facilities. Dedicated to sign-on crew, the CFC will house the crew for up to 48 hours prior to them boarding their ships, if required, when their ship and flight schedule do not match. The CFC will facilitate more crew change to take place in Singapore and keep both the ships and local community safe. Sign-off crew, based on current procedures, will proceed to depart Singapore or stay at existing designated holding facilities Seacare Hotel or accommodation vessel "POSH Bawean" for up to 48 hours, and be strictly segregated from the community.

More Streamlined Crew Change Procedures

7. In line with the risk managed approach taken by Singapore's Multi-Ministry Taskforce, crew members who has stayed at least 14 days from specific low-risk countries/regions to sign-on to ships in Singapore will either no longer be required to serve a stay-at-home isolation in the originating country/region or only serve a shorter isolation of seven days prior to departure for Singapore. Crew members from other countries/regions will continue to serve an isolation period of 14 days prior to departure.

8. To further safeguard the crew change process, ship owners, managers and agents are to ensure the pre-departure COVID-19 Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tests are carried out at government-approved or ISO 15189-accredited testing facilities.

9. Please refer to Port Marine Circular 36 of 2020 at Enclosure 2 for details of the revised crew change procedures.

10. MPA will continue to work with the industry to review our crew change procedures to adapt to the fast-changing situation relating to COVID-19. MPA reminds the industry – ship owners, managers and agents – to continue to play its part to carry out safe crew changes.

Singapore Shipping Tripartite Alliance Resilience (SG-STAR) Fund

11. As a global hub port and international maritime centre, Singapore remains committed to facilitate successful crew changes in a safe manner. To accelerate the

process and propagate best practices of safe crew change, MPA, Singapore Shipping Association, Singapore Maritime Officers' Union, and Singapore Organisation of Seamen, will establish a S\$1 million Singapore Shipping Tripartite Alliance Resilience (SG-STAR) Fund to work with stakeholders in seafaring nations on concrete solutions for safe crew changes, such as initiatives on best practices for crew holding facilities and PCR testing centres.

12. Supported by Mr Kitack Lim, Secretary-General of International Maritime Organization, and Mr Guy Ryder, Director-General of International Labour Organization, Singapore welcomes like-minded international partners to join in this tripartite initiative and contribute to this Alliance fund so that actions can be scaled up. More details of the SG-STAR Fund will be released in due course.

13. "This has been a trying time for seafarers. They have been working tirelessly to keep goods flowing around the world. But due to health and safety concerns, many have encountered difficulties to call on ports and undergo crew change, and that has severely affected their well-being. It is therefore very important for all stakeholders to come together to ensure safe port operations and safe crew changes. This dedicated facility for crew change and the Fund are the results of the collaboration between MPA, industry associations and seafarer unions. As shipping is a global business, we hope that more ports and stakeholders will join us in such initiatives, so that seafarers can continue their work and keep the supply lines of the world open," said Mr Ong Ye Kung, Minister for Transport.

14. Please refer Enclosure 3 for quotes by the tripartite partners.

Enclosures:

- 1 – Port Marine Circular 35 of 2020
- 2 – Port Marine Circular 36 of 2020
- 3 – Quotes by Tripartite Partners

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About the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA)

The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) was established on 2 February 1996, with the mission to develop Singapore as a premier global hub port and international maritime centre (IMC), and to advance and safeguard Singapore's strategic maritime interests. MPA is the driving force behind Singapore's port and maritime development, taking on the roles of Port Authority, Port Regulator, Port Planner, IMC Champion, and National Maritime Representative. MPA partners the industry and other agencies to enhance safety, security and environmental protection

in our port waters, facilitate port operations and growth, expand the cluster of maritime ancillary services, and promote maritime R&D and manpower development.

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MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE

PORT MARINE CIRCULAR
NO. 035 OF 2020

24 Aug 2020

Harbour Craft Community
Shipping Community

ADVISORY ON MARINE SERVICE PROVIDERS ATTENDING TO VESSELS AT ANCHORAGES AND TERMINALS IN THE PORT OF SINGAPORE

1. Singapore continues to take a calibrated and risk-based approach in determining the precautions and measures for the COVID-19 pandemic. The owner, agent or master of any vessel arriving in the Port of Singapore to conduct activities such as repairs, servicing, surveys and inspections which requires shore-based personnel to board the vessel, other than receiving bunkers and ship supplies, must notify and provide the relevant information, in advance, to the Port Master.
2. The owner, agent or master of the vessel must inform the Port Master 3 days before the arrival of the vessel, that the vessel will be conducting the activities mentioned in paragraph 1, and whether shore-based personnel (such as surveyors, P&I correspondents, superintendents and repair technicians) will be boarding the vessel at the anchorages or terminals. The following information shall be submitted:
 - a. Name of vessel;
 - b. Name of service provider;
 - c. Purpose of boarding and scope of works;
 - d. Full name and local contact number of shore-based personnel;
 - e. The intended boarding date and time, with estimated duration on board; and
 - f. The service provider's Safe Management Measures (SMM), which must include details of safe distancing and precautionary measures for COVID-19 before boarding, when conducting work on board and after completion of work.

Please refer to **Annex A** for the template submission

3. The information is to be submitted to Duty Officer, Marine Safety Control Centre, email: pms@mpa.gov.sg.

4. The owner, agent or master of any vessel who fails to notify and submit the required information within the stipulated time may be found guilty of a breach of Section 44 of the Maritime and Port Authority Act (Chapter 170A) and be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000.

Precautionary Measures for Marine Service Providers Boarding Vessels in Port

5. Shore-based personnel cannot board the vessel if no advance notice was given. For vessels which have given the required advance notice, shore-based personnel who are boarding the vessel are reminded to:

DO	DON'T
See a doctor if you are sick and stay at home Leave the work area immediately if you start feeling unwell and report to your employer	Don't go to work even if symptoms appear mild
Do request for a designated work and rest area Shorten the duration of stay on board to minimise exposure	Don't loiter in the crew living or common areas No overnight stays on board visiting vessel
A mask must be worn at all times (unless the work activity requires that no mask be worn). In addition, to wear other appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), where necessary, such as gloves, goggles/ face shields and surgical gown, without jeopardising operational and personal safety	Do not reuse used PPE, and dispose PPE in designated biohazard disposal bin
Practice safe distancing (at least 2 metres apart) and avoid physical contact with vessel's crew	Don't shake hands. Adopt alternative greetings

DO	DON'T
Observe good personal hygiene such as frequent washing of hands with soap or use hand sanitisers	Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
Bring and consume your own individually packed food and drinks	Do not consume food and beverages from the vessel
Consume your meals separate from the vessel's crew	Do not share food with others

Precautionary Measures for Vessels with Marine Service Providers Boarding in Port

6. For vessels which have shore-based personnel boarding, the vessel should adopt the following measures:
- a. All crew members are to wear a mask at all times and practise safe distancing (at least 2 metres apart).
 - b. All crew members are to take and record their temperature twice daily.
 - c. All crew members are advised to maintain good hygiene in the vessel's accommodation areas by cleaning frequently touched surfaces (e.g. desk, chart tables, dining tables, bridge/engine room consoles, door handles, hand-holds, switches, telephones/VHF handsets, faucets, etc.)
 - d. Master of the vessel should isolate unwell crew members and/or passengers.
 - e. Access should be denied to shore-based personnel who are unwell.
 - f. Minimise interaction of crew with shore-based personnel by, where possible, designating a separate, clean and disinfected rest area, and dedicated toilets for shore-based personnel to use only.
 - g. Upon shore-based personnel disembarking, disinfect the areas that have been used and especially high touch points. The vessel's master should follow the National Environment Agency's guidance for disinfecting common areas and rooms.
 - h. Keep a record of the movement of shore-based personnel on board the vessel.
7. Owners/managers/supervisors of marine service companies are reminded to take note of all available health advisories and bring it to the attention of your company and employees.

8. Companies wishing to implement additional preventive measures in line with their respective company policies should ensure these additional measures comply with prevailing standards/procedures applicable in the Port of Singapore.

9. We thank all stakeholders for their continuous efforts in ensuring that Singapore's port operations remain uninterrupted and efficient. We also urge all to remain vigilant, resolute and united in tackling the COVID-19 pandemic.

CAPT KEVIN WONG
PORT MASTER
MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE

Annex A

To: pms@mpa.gov.sg

Attention: Duty Officer, Marine Safety Control Centre

Subject: PMC No.35 of 2020 – 3 Days Advanced Notification of Attendance for [Vessel's Name]

[Vessel's Name]	[ETA Singapore]
Name of Service Provider:	
Purpose of Boarding and Scope of Works:	
Full name and Local Contact Number of Shore-based personnel(s):	
Intended date of Boarding:	
Time of Embarkation:	
Estimated duration on board:	
Submission of SMM*:	

**The submission must include details of safe distancing and precautionary measures for COVID-19 before boarding, when conducting work on board and after completion of work.*

It must also include the precautionary measures as listed in Paragraphs 5 & 6 of this circular.



MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE

PORT MARINE CIRCULAR
NO. 36 OF 2020

28 August 2020

Shipping Community

ENHANCEMENTS TO CREW CHANGE FOR CARGO SHIPS IN THE PORT OF SINGAPORE

1. With effect from 01 September 2020, MPA will consider the following circumstances for crew change applications:

- (a) crew whose employment contract has expired;
- (b) additional crew on board whose sign-off would not affect the safe manning of the ship;
- (c) change of crew due to the sale or purchase of ship;
- (d) personnel who are not part of the ship's crew such as superintendents and service engineers;
- (e) compassionate grounds e.g. death of family member; or
- (f) the crew is no longer medically fit to work onboard the ship.

2. The requirements for crew change are as follows:

Signing-on

- (a) In general, all signing-on crew are required to serve 14-days Stay-Home-Notice (SHN) in the originating country/region. The crew should be properly isolated (individual room with dedicated toilet) with strictly no interaction with others (including family members) at his/her place of residence, or serve the SHN in a dedicated facility/hotel.
- (b) Crew from specific low risk countries/regions will either no longer be required to serve the SHN or serve a shorter SHN of 7 days in the originating country/region prior to departure for Singapore¹. Please refer to **Annex A** for more details.

¹ In line with the risk managed approach taken by Singapore's Multi-Ministry Taskforce for travelers arriving in Singapore, crew travelling from specific low risk countries/regions to sign-on to ships in

- (c) In addition to the SHN requirement, if a crew was previously diagnosed with COVID-19, the date of first ever positive PCR test must be more than 21 days ago from date of departure from the home country to Singapore.
- (d) The crew must have a negative result from a COVID-19 test (polymerase chain reaction (PCR) type) taken at a government-approved or ISO 15189-accredited testing facility not more than 48 hours prior to the departure flight.
- (e) The crew shall be certified fit-to-travel by a doctor at his/her originating country not more than 24 hours prior to the departure flight.
- (f) During the entire crew change process, especially during the journey to join the ship in Singapore, crew may be in groups of not more than five (5) persons, but must remain in the same group, and there must be no interactions between the groups.
- (g) The crew shall only arrive Singapore to join his/her ship not more than two (2) days before the ship's departure from Singapore.

Signing-off

- a) The crew must not have gone ashore in the last 14 days before disembarking the ship and has remained well throughout that period.
- b) The crew shall be certified fit-to-travel by a doctor in Singapore not more than 24 hours before disembarking the ship.

3. For crew changes to take place safely, MPA continues to expect all owners, agents, ships and individuals to ensure that the COVID-19 preventive measures are followed strictly. Any breach will be taken seriously.

4. Ship owners/managers/agents must apply for crew change in Singapore by filling up the online form at www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/port-of-singapore/operations/crew-change. As MPA expects a high volume of applications, we urge ship owners/managers/agents to submit applications at least 14 days before the planned crew change, especially if the application includes sign-on crew. For foreign-flagged ships, crew change will be considered if the ship meets all prevailing requirements, and are in Singapore for cargo operations, bunkering and/or other marine services.

5. Shipowners/managers/agents should check and ensure sign-off crew comply with the latest entry restrictions/requirements for the sign-off crew's destination country².

Establishment of Crew Facilitation Centre (CFC) at Tanjong Pagar Terminal

6. To enhance the capacity of designated holding facilities in Singapore, MPA, with the support of PSA Corporation Limited, have set up a self-contained Crew

Singapore will either no longer be required to serve SHN in the originating country/region (such as Brunei Darussalam and New Zealand as at 28 Aug 2020) or only serve a shorter SHN of 7 days in the originating country/region (such as Australia (excluding Victoria State), Macao, Mainland China, Taiwan, Vietnam and Malaysia as at 28 Aug 2020) prior to departure for Singapore. Please refer to MOH's website for the most updated list of countries.

² All crew travelling to China are required to undergo a COVID-19 PCR test within five days before the departure flight.

Facilitation Centre (CFC) at Tanjong Pagar Terminal, as of 1 Sep 2020. The CFC will allow Singapore to facilitate more crew changes in a sustainable manner and with minimal health risk to the general population. Three floating accommodations at the CFC will be designated as holding or quarantine facilities. These will house sign-on crew that are waiting for their ships' arrival for up to 48 hours, and a quarantine facility to house close contacts of crew who are tested positive for COVID-19. There will also be an on-site medical service provider for healthcare services within the CFC. Please refer to **Annex B** for details of the designated holding facilities.

7. This circular supersedes Port Marine Circular No. 31 of 2020.

CAPT KEVIN WONG
PORT MASTER
MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE

SHN requirements for sign-on crew (as at 28 Aug 2020)

Crew originating country	SHN
Brunei Darussalam, New Zealand	No SHN required but crew must remain in originating country for the last consecutive 14 days prior to entry to Singapore.
Australia (excluding Victoria State), Macao, Mainland China, Taiwan, Vietnam and Malaysia	7-days SHN in originating country.
Other countries	14-days SHN in originating country.

In addition to the SHN requirement, if a crew was previously diagnosed with COVID-19, the date of first ever positive PCR test must be more than 21 days ago from date of departure from the home country to Singapore.

Designated holding facilities for SIGN-ON crew

Floatels @ Tanjong Pagar Terminal

Rooms: Air-conditioned with en-suite bathroom

Meals: All three meals are included. Meals will be delivered to the room.

For reservations, please contact:

+65 8939 7507

floatelsg@dracoventure.com

Designated holding facilities for SIGN-OFF crew

Seacare Hotel

Rooms: Air-conditioned with en-suite bathroom

Meals: All three meals are included. Meals will be delivered to the room.

For reservations, please contact:

Phang Jing Huei

+65 6818 2680

reservations@theseacarehotel.com.sg

Accommodation vessel Posh Bawean

Rooms: Air-conditioned with en-suite bathroom

Meals: All three meals are included. Meals will be delivered to the room.

For reservations, please contact:

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reservations@paccoffshore.com.sg

Enclosure 3: Quotes by Tripartite Partners

Singapore Shipping Association (SSA)

Ms Caroline Yang, President of the Singapore Shipping Association, said, "It is the well-being of our seafarers that helps keep global supply chains remain open for essential goods to be shipped into Singapore and around the world. SSA hopes that our contribution to the Singapore Shipping Tripartite Alliance Resilience (SG-STAR) Fund can help ease the grave global crew change issue amid the world pandemic. The SG-STAR Fund aims to support initiatives to help ensure the safe passage of crew from supplying countries. These may include establishing proper isolation facilities and whitelisting qualifying medical institutions to provide safe, accurate, and timely COVID-19 PCR tests. We look forward to the SG-STAR Fund paving the way for greater participation and synergy by the international maritime community to enable safe crew change."

Mr Michael Phoon, Executive Director of the Singapore Shipping Association and Chair of the Singapore Crew Change Workgroup, said, "SSA welcomes the set-up and dedication of the Crew Facilitation Centre (CFC) for sign-on crew in the port of Singapore. As the chair of the Singapore Crew Change Workgroup, the segregation of holding facilities to manage the different sets of sign-on/sign-of crew is another step forward to help mitigate the current critical crew change issue. We foresee that the CFC, along with other added measures, can boost the confidence and assurance for the shipping community to carry out safe crew change in Singapore."

Singapore Maritime Officers' Union (SMOU)

Ms Mary Liew, General Secretary of the Singapore Maritime Officers' Union and the President of the NTUC said, "SMOU, together with our tripartite partners, have been collaborating to overcome the crew change challenges of seafarers since the beginning of the pandemic. With the new initiative of a dedicated crew facilitation centre which will involve segregating crew in the floating accommodation, we will be able to enhance Singapore's crew change protocol in a safer manner for seafarers and a more sustainable solution for shipping companies. Now with the formation of the SG-STAR Fund, we can help strengthen safe crew change of seafarers from the labour supply countries. This is the result of a committed tripartite effort in the maritime industry which will assist more seafarers to be reunited with their families back home and at the same time, allow fresh crew to sign on safely so as to provide for their families. We would also like to thank the Ministry of Transport and MPA for the continuous efforts to recognise our seafarers as key essential workers. Our heartfelt appreciation to our members and seafarers for keeping the supply chain going during this challenging time."

Singapore Organisation of Seamen (SOS)

Mr Kam Soon Huat, President of the Singapore Organisation of Seamen, said, "SOS is heartened that MPA has taken the move forward to ensure safe and timely repatriation of seafarers and getting fresh crew onboard. The streamlined crew change procedures and dedicated facility for sign-on crews are practical solutions to keep the supply chain open and to protect the rights of seafarers. Singapore has sent a strong message to the world that we recognise seafarers as essential workers and we appreciate the crucial role seafarers play in the global economy."