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To: Western Port Stakeholders

From: Port of Hastings Development Authority (PoHDA)

Date: 2 March 2020

Subject: Novel Coronavirus – Restriction of Entry into Western Port

Any foreign travellers who have left or transited via:

- Mainland China on or after 1 February 2020; or
- Iran on or after 1 March 2020;

will be refused entry to Australia in order to minimise the potential spread of the Novel Coronavirus.

In accordance with protocols issued by the Australian Border Force (ABF), all commercial vessels visiting Western Port are required to answer the following health screening questions prior to entering port waters:

- Have any persons aboard left or transited through mainland China since 1 February 2020?
- Have any persons aboard left or transited through Iran on or after 1 March 2020?
- Have any persons aboard become ill or shown signs of illness in the past 14 days?

This is to be reported to the Australian Border Force (ABF), Harbour Master (hastings@vrca.vic.gov.au) and the HSSE & Compliance Manager (security@portofhastings.com).

ABF and Biosecurity Officers remain responsible for border clearance processes. Vessels that report ill persons will undergo a human health inspection by a Biosecurity Officer on arrival in Australia, and before the vessel is granted pratique.

Where persons become ill whilst the vessel is in port, the vessel must immediately report this to the Harbour Master, ABF, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the HSSE & Compliance Manager. In these circumstances, all crew must be restricted on-board the vessel.

For Commercial Vessels that departed Iran prior to 1 March 2020:

- Standard Biosecurity requirements and restrictions will apply. You must still identify any ill traveller or member of the crew as part of your pre-arrival report.



Commercial Vessels that departed mainland China on or after 1 February 2020 or Iran from 1 March 2020 and arrive within 14 days of last port being in mainland China or Iran:

- All crew will be restricted on-board while the vessel is berthed in Australia.
- Crew are only able to disembark to conduct essential vessel functions and crew must wear personal protective equipment while performing these functions.
- The restrictions above apply until 14 days has elapsed since the vessel or any person on board left mainland China or Iran.

For Commercial Vessels with crew joining from China or Iran:

- Where a commercial vessel has a crew joining the vessel and that crew have travelled to or transited through mainland China since 1 February 2020 or Iran from 1 March 2020, all crew are to remain on board the vessel.
- Crew are only able to disembark to conduct essential vessel functions and crew must wear personal protective equipment while performing these functions.
- The restrictions above apply until 14 days has elapsed since the vessel or any person on board left mainland China or Iran.

For the Maritime Industry

- Industry members should limit contact with vessel crews as far as reasonably practicable. Where contact is unavoidable whilst vessels are subject to the restrictions outlined above, industry members should use personal protective equipment including surgical masks and gloves.
- Maritime Pilots must wear personal protective equipment as advised by the Department of Health for the initial engagement with those vessels subject to restrictions.
- Appropriate cough etiquette and frequent hand hygiene should be practiced (including the proper use of alcohol-based sanitisers).
- Personal protective equipment waste should be treated as quarantine waste.
- All communication should occur via phone, radio or email to avoid face-to-face contact, where reasonably practicable.

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