



MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE

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30 Jan 2026

Harbour Craft Community
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MARITIME DECLARATION OF HEALTH

1. This circular brings to the attention of the shipping community on the National Environment Agency (NEA) circular on the requirements for the submission of Maritime Declaration of Health (MDH) for vessels arriving in the Port of Singapore.
2. This declaration is part of the measures to prevent the spread of Nipah Virus into Singapore. It must be submitted to the National Environment Agency's (Port Health Office) at least 12 hours before arrival at Port of Singapore.
3. These requirements are listed in National Environment Agency's (Port Health Office) circular as attached in **ANNEX A**.
4. Any queries relating to the MDH should be directed to the Port Health Office at Tel: (65) 6222-2585 or mail at Port_Health_CRO@nea.gov.sg

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MANDATORY SUBMISSION OF THE MARITIME DECLARATION OF HEALTH

1. This notice brings attention to NEA's requirement, effective from 30 Jan 2026, for all arriving vessels that fall in any of the following categories to submit the Maritime Declaration of Health (MDH):

- (a) Ships that have called at ports in any of the countries listed in Annex A in the last 14 days; or
- (b) Ships with crew/passengers who have travelled to any of these countries in the last 14 days.

2. The declaration is part of the precautionary measures against Nipah Virus at Singapore's borders. It is an addition to the existing MDH requirement for other emerging infectious diseases, as specified in the Port Marine Circular No. 6 of 2025 dated 06 May 2025. The MDH (Annex B), along with the listed documents, are to be submitted to the Port Health Office (email: Port_Health_CRO@nea.gov.sg) 12 hours before arrival at the Port of Singapore:

- (a) Crew list / Passenger list;
- (b) Current copy of the Ship Sanitation Certificate;
- (c) Last 10 ports of call list; and
- (d) List of all passengers and crew members with temperature above 37.5 degree Celsius or who are unwell.

The stated documents must be submitted regardless of whether there are any sick passengers or crew on board. Non-compliance with the above requirements may constitute a breach of the Infectious Diseases (Quarantine) Regulations.

3. The master of the ship is to implement the following precautionary measures:
- i. Educate the crew/passengers about the symptoms of Nipah Virus
 - ii. Encourage good personal hygiene practices
 - iii. Conduct temp checks for all crew/passengers at least twice daily
 - iv. Isolate unwell crew/passengers in separate cabins with dedicated toilet facilities, and disinfect affected areas immediately; and
 - v. Disinfect common areas and rooms the vessel before arrival in Singapore. The disinfection may be conducted by the ship's crew en route to Singapore

4. As the global health situation is dynamic, the mandatory submission of MDH may be extended to ships arriving from countries not currently listed in Annex A.

5. For further clarification on this notice, please contact Port Health Office at Tel: (65) 6222 2585 or email at Port_Health_CRO@nea.gov.sg

Yours faithfully,



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ANNEX A

S/N	Countries
1	West Bengal (India)

MODEL OF MARITIME DECLARATION OF HEALTH

To be completed and submitted to the competent authorities by the masters of ships arriving from foreign ports.

Submitted at the port of Date

Name of ship or inland navigation vessel Registration/IMO No arriving from sailing to
(Nationality)/(Flag of vessel) Master's name

Gross tonnage (ship)
Tonnage (inland navigation vessel)

Valid Sanitation Control Exemption/Control Certificate carried on board? Yes No Issued at date

Re-inspection required? Yes No

Has ship/vessel visited an affected area identified by the World Health Organization? Yes No

Port and date of visit

List ports of call from commencement of voyage with dates of departure, or within past thirty days, whichever is shorter:

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Upon request of the competent authority at the port of arrival, list crew members, passengers or other persons who have joined ship/vessel since international voyage began or within past thirty days, whichever is shorter, including all ports/countries visited in this period (add additional names to the attached schedule):

(1) Name joined from: (1) (2) (3)
(2) Name joined from: (1) (2) (3)
(3) Name joined from: (1) (2) (3)

Number of crew members on board

Number of passengers on board

Health questions

- (1) Has any person died on board during the voyage otherwise than as a result of accident? Yes No
If yes, state particulars in attached schedule: Total no. of deaths
- (2) Is there on board or has there been during the international voyage any case of disease which you suspect to be of an infectious nature? Yes No If yes, state particulars in attached schedule:
- (3) Has the total number of ill passengers during the voyage been greater than normal/expected? Yes No
How many ill persons?
- (4) Is there any ill person on board now? Yes No If yes, state particulars in attached schedule:
- (5) Was a medical practitioner consulted? Yes No If yes, state particulars of medical treatment or advice provided in attached schedule:
- (6) Are you aware of any condition on board which may lead to infection or spread of disease? Yes No
If yes, state particulars in attached schedule:
- (7) Has any sanitary measure (e.g. quarantine, isolation, disinfection or decontamination) been applied on board? Yes No
If yes, specify type, place and date:
- (8) Have any snowflakes been found on board? Yes No If yes, where did they join the ship (if known)?
- (9) Is there a sick animal or pet on board? Yes No

Note: In the absence of a surgeon, the master should regard the following symptoms as grounds for suspecting the existence of a disease of an infectious nature:

- (a) fever, persisting for several days or accompanied by (i) prostration; (ii) decreased consciousness; (iii) glandular swelling;
- (iv) jaundice; (v) cough or shortness of breath; (vi) unusual bleeding; or (vii) paralysis.
- (b) with or without fever; (i) any acute skin rash or eruption; (ii) severe vomiting (other than sea sickness); (iii) severe diarrhoea; or (iv) recurrent convulsions.

I hereby declare that the particulars and answers to the questions given in this Declaration of Health (including the schedule) are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed

Master

Countersigned

Ship's Surgeon (if carried)

Date

ATTACHMENT TO MODEL OF MARITIME DECLARATION OF HEALTH

Name	Class or rating	Age	Sex	Nationality	Port, date joined ship/vessel	Nature of illness	Date of onset of symptoms	Reported to a port medical officer?	Disposal of case ¹	Drugs, medicines or other treatment given to patient	Comments

¹ State: (1) whether the person recovered, is still ill or died; and (2) whether the person is still on board, was evacuated (including the name of the port or airport), or was buried at sea.