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COVID-19 MEASURES FOR VESSELS IN THE PORT OF SINGAPORE

1.   This circular supersedes Port Marine Circular No. 12 of 2022 and updates the easing of COVID-19 restrictions for vessels in the Port of Singapore.

2.   The owner, master, or agent of the vessels calling the Port of Singapore shall inform MPA (email: pms@mpa.gov.sg) and NEA Port Health Section (email: port_health_cro@nea.gov.sg) if any vessel's crew tests COVID-19 positive. These vessels are strongly encouraged to carry out contactless operations or contactless operations with segregation protocol. Please refer to **ANNEX A** for details on contactless operations and contactless operations with segregation protocol.

3.   The requirements for wearing of mask for persons onboard vessels in port have been revised and is set out in **ANNEX B** of this circular.

4.   For clarification on this circular, please email pms@mpa.gov.sg or call 6325-2488/2489.

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Contactless operations and contactless operations with segregation protocol

1.   Owners, agents and masters of vessels are strongly encouraged to conduct all port operations (e.g. cargo operations, bunkering, ship's supplies and stores, and other marine services) are carried out contactless or contactless with segregation protocol.

Contactless Operations

2.   In circumstance where a contactless operation is required, no person is to board the visiting vessel except MPA-licensed harbour pilots, authorised government officers, and persons approved by the Port Master.

3.   Parties involved in a contactless operation must minimally ensure the following:
   a) Communicate and/or send documents by telephone text message or email.
   b) If items must be transferred from one vessel to another (e.g. securing of mooring, ship supplies; certain documents like bunker delivery note etc), disinfect these items and equipment thoroughly before and after the transfer.

4.   For transferring of supplies, the owner, master and/or agent of visiting vessels and the services provider involved must ensure the following:
   a) The supply boat's crew must not board the visiting vessel;
   b) Disinfect equipment used for the transfer of supplies thoroughly before and after the transfer; and
   c) Communicate and/or send documents by telephone text message or email.

Contactless Operations with Segregation Protocol

5.   If it is necessary for shore-based personnel to board the vessel, segregation protocol should be in place to minimise interactions between the vessel's crew and shore-based personnel. Examples of contactless operations with segregation protocols are bunkering, cargo operations and tank cleaning. Owners, agents and masters of vessels are required to work with the destination terminals to agree on the segregation protocol before the operations commence.

6.   Parties involved in a contactless operation with segregation protocol should ensure the following:
   a) Communicate and/or send documents by telephone text or email.
   b) If items are to be transferred from one vessel to another (e.g. securing of mooring, ship supplies etc), disinfect the items and equipment used for the transfer, before and after the transfer;
   c) Vessel's crew to remain in crew accommodation except to keep gangway watch or to carry out essential activities such as tending to mooring ropes;
   d) If vessel's crew are required to go on deck, their movements are to be restricted to the seaward side of the deck

Type of vessel	Is mask wearing required?
All vessels (including visiting vessels, harbour and pleasure craft) in the port of Singapore, other than regional ferries. * Please note exception to mask requirement is applicable for Regional Ferries (i.e. Ferries operating between Malaysia/Indonesia and Singapore)	No
Regional ferries (i.e. Ferries operating between Malaysia/Indonesia and Singapore)	Mask wearing requirements would align with the destination/origin countries' mask wearing requirements, but the operator can impose the requirement as part of their company policy.