

Department: Chief Harbour

5 May 2021

To: SAASOA Members, Bunker Operators, Ship Chandlers,
Offshore Operators, Vessel Crew Shuttle Services,
Stevedore Companies, Terminal Operators

CC: Executive Manager SHE, Port Managers, Harbour
Masters, Deputy Harbour Masters, Senior Operations
Managers, Port Health, SAMSA

TO BE COMMUNICATED INTERNALLY & EXTERNALLY

CHIEF HARBOUR MASTER (CHM)– NOTICE No.13 - HEALTH RISK ALERT – COVID-19 Adjusted Alert Level 1 - Amended

Note that TNPA Notice No.12 remains in force.

2. BACKGROUND

Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) is responsible for the management of the 8 commercial ports in South Africa. The TNPA values its employees, stakeholders, and port users and as such finds it important to continuously review permitted activities against the currently existing risks and address any gaps, in preventing the spread of COVID-19. Due to the persistent risks associated with the global pandemic, TNPA has implemented measures as per the regulations published in line with the Disaster Management Act of 2002, relevant amendments, other applicable regulations and TNPA specific requirements to prevent any variants of Covid19 entering the country.

3. NEW MEASURES IN PLACE

The following measures must be read in conjunction with the Disaster Management Act of 2002 – Lock down amendments and other applicable COVID-19 regulations including any SAMSA Marine Notices and applies to all vessels where the last port of call was from any Indian port.

3.1. It is important that all vessel masters make accurate Maritime Declarations of Health and well-being of all on-board to the Authorities including any suspicions of any other health infections onboard. Any false declaration will be viewed in a serious light and reported to the South African Maritime Authority and Port Health officials for further action resulting in either detention, a fine, and or additional stricter measures put in place. The master is responsible and accountable for all onboard the vessel and will be held liable for any false declarations. The agent of the vessel is to ensure that accurate health declarations are made or face the

consequence of suspension of their Agent Registration Certificate.

- 3.2. Vessel Masters must make declaration of crew who joined the vessel in the last 30 days and the transit points they went through and stowaways if any on-board.
- 3.3. All vessel where the last ten port of call is any port in India is required to have all crew and officers tested for COVID 19 before docking in any South African Port.
- 3.4. Declaration of last ten (10) port of call before South African port to be submitted with ID 100.
- 3.5. No shore leave will be permitted for anyone from vessels where the last port is from India.
- 3.6. No shore leave will be permitted for any person that has travelled to India in the last 30 days without a Covid 19 test certificate from South Africa.
- 3.7. Any Indian citizen signing off a vessel will be required to be tested and required to leave South Africa as soon as practical.
- 3.8. Any crew or passengers arriving from India must be certified fit and clear of any Covid 19 infections.
- 3.9. The daily temperature monitoring records will also need to be submitted to TNPA and other relevant Authorities.
- 3.10. Access to vessels coming from India must be limited to the minimum and remote operations are encouraged.
- 3.11. No food or beverages may be consumed by any TNPA or other persons visiting the vessel.

Suspected cases should be discussed with public health call line no. **0800 029 999**. **The local Port Health Office, Harbour Master and Agency must be informed of any suspected cases.**

By order of:



Captain Rufus Lekala
Chief Harbour Master

Transnet National Ports Authority

DATE: 05/05/2021

ANNEXURE A: Substitution of Form 7 of the Regulations

6. Form 7 of the Regulations is hereby substituted for the following Form:

"FORM 7

PERMIT TO TRAVEL TO PERFORM A SERVICE

Regulation 68

- *Please note that the person to whom the permit is issued must at all times present a form of identification together with this permit. If no identification is presented, the person to whom the permit is issued will have to return to his or her place of residence.*

I, being the head of institution, with the below mentioned details,

Surname				
Full names				
Identity number				
Contact details	cell nr.	tel nr(w)	tel nr(h)	e-mail address
Physical Address of Institution				

hereby certify that the below mentioned official/employee is performing services in my institution

Surname	
Full names	
Identity number	
Place of residence of employee	

Signed at _____, on this the _____ day of _____ 2021.

Signature of Head of Institution

Official stamp of
Institution