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WAIVER OF TRAVEL RESTRICTION FOR SHIPPING RELATED PERSONNEL.

To: Port Authorities, Local administration, Law & Enforcement Agencies, Ship owners, managers, operators, ship masters, shipping agents and the Shipping community

The spread of the COVID-19 pandemic across large number of countries is an unprecedented situation in recent times. To slow the spread of the disease and mitigate its impacts, travel advisories have been issued by many jurisdictions including Bangladesh. However, shipping services are required to continue to be operational so that vital goods and essential commodities like fuel, medical supplies, food grains etc., are delivered in a way that the economic activity of the nation is not disrupted. It is, therefore, important that the flow of goods by sea should not be needlessly disrupted while also the safety of life and protection of the environment taken care off. In view of the same, waiver to travel restriction for shipping related personnel is essential.

Shipping related personnel shall maintain WHO Guidelines regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19) and all other instructions/ guidelines/ advisories/ precautions issued on Coronavirus (COVID-19) by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare/Directorate General of Health Services, Bangladesh. Shipping related personnel while going out for essential duty purpose shall carry valid identity card/pass.

In view of the above, all concerned are requested to allow movement/travel of personnel or essential shipping related activities while on duty.

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