

MEMORANDUM

To: All OTM Employees and shipping stake holders for OTM
From: Jeffrey Micallef
Date: 5th March 2020
Subject: COVID-19 outbreak – Body Temp scanning as a layer of precaution
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Dear All,

We are all witness to the development of this COVID-19 and most certainly no one would like to be taken ill. One common factor in 98% of all reported cases is the manifestation of fever as a symptom at the early onset of the infection by the COVID-19. It is true that not every person who has a fever means that he or she is infected with the COVID-19 virus, however a person who has COVID-19 will most probably be having a fever. The current situation is mandating that a precautionary approach is the correct approach.

With immediate effect, OTM personnel who will be going aboard vessels will carry with them a contactless thermometer which can be used to identify possible people who have a fever. This would apply especially to those personnel who would be engaged in the Pre-Cargo Conference and to sign the documentation on completion of the cargo operation. The same approach can be used to reassure crews that the attending OTM personnel are also clear of potential infection.

In this process no names or body temperature records will be kept. The contactless thermometers have a symbol that shows if a person is having a fever or not. Hence no interpretation of results will be necessary.

In the eventuality that a person is presenting flu like symptoms or a fever or both, OTM personnel are instructed to immediately get off the vessel. Professional medical assistance will then be called in for further assessment.

Kind Regards


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