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ORDER OF THE HARBOUR MASTER
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NOTICE TO ALL SHIP AGENTS, CARGO SHIP CREWS AND PERSONNEL OF THE FREEPORT OF RIGA TERMINALS

Having regard to the World Health Organization's Notice of March 11, 2020, stating that Covid-19 has reached pandemic proportions, and based on Section 4, Paragraph one, Clause 1, sub-clause (e) of the Civil Protection and Disaster Management Law, Section 4, Section 5, Paragraph one, and Section 6, Paragraph one, Clause 1 and Paragraph 2, Section 7, Paragraph one and Section 8 of the Law On Emergency Situation and State of Exception, Section 3, Paragraph two of the Epidemiological Safety Law with the aim to determine epidemiological safety and other measures: **A state of emergency has been declared** throughout the national territory from the moment of the adoption of the decision to 14 April 2020 with the aim to restrict the spread of Covid-19 during the period of validity of the emergency situation.

In view of the above, the crews of **ALL** cargo ships calling at the Port of Riga, personnel of **ALL** terminals and the port shall adhere to the following requirements:

1. All vessels calling at the Port of Riga, in addition to other pre-arrival documentation shall submit via ship's agent also completed **Maritime Declaration of Health Form** prior entering the port.
2. If in the last 14 days vessel has visited ports or the crewmember has joined the vessel in affected area this fact to be stated in **Maritime Declaration of Health Form**.
3. Upon crossing the Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) reporting line, all vessels shall call the VTS - call sign "RIGA TRAFFIC" - on VHF ch 09 and confirm that all crew members are in good health. The Master of the vessel shall also provide an identical report at least one hour prior departure from the port.
4. All activities related to cargo and ship handling shall be carried out with a minimum of physical contact between persons within a minimum distance of 2 meters. Visits on board vessel shall be limited to essential crew only.
5. In order to protect ship's crews and vice versa all pilots are equipped with personal protective equipment and instructed to keep on a "safe" distance, to minimise contact with vessel equipment. All these precautions should not affect the quality of pilotage. Kindly ask the vessels personnel to act accordingly.
6. In case of suspicion on board the ship of having Covid-19, the Master of the vessel shall immediately report it to the Harbour Master office either by e-mail satiksm@rop.lv, phone +371 67082035 or reporting to VTS on VHF ch 09. In this case, the vessel is directed to the anchorage for further action.





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7. Crewmembers of foreign-flagged vessels calling at the Port of Riga shall not be allowed to come ashore, except when routine operation of the vessel requires so (for example, to inspect the draft marks, to receive ship supplies).
8. All the latest information on the situation in the country and recommendations for action in the event of a pandemic is available at www.spkc.lv
9. The requirements shall take effect from March 16, 2020.

Issued in accordance with "Law on Ports", Chapter Five "Vessel Traffic in Ports" section 17, part 2.

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