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Precautions regarding the new Corona virus

To:
- Ministry of Health (Deputy Minister Public Health Affairs).
- Saudi Coast Guard (Deputy Director General of the Border Guard).
- Saudi Ports Authority (Vice President of Legislation and Licenses Administration).
- Ministry of Energy (Deputy Minister for Oil and Gas).
- Economic Cities Authority (Vice-Secretary General of Ports).
- American Bureau of Shipping (ABS).
- Lloyd’s Register of Shipping (LR).
- Det Norske Veritas of Shipping (DNV-GL).
- Bureau Veritas of Shipping (BV).
- Registro Italiano Navale of Shipping (RINA).
- Nippon Kaiji Kyokai of Shipping (NKK).
- All shipping companies in KSA.

Whom it may concern.

Following the emergence of a disease of the type of pneumonia in Wuhan, China, due to the new coronavirus (COVID-19), and as part of the efforts to take all precautions and measures to prevent its spread through ships visiting the ports of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, every ship that visited a Chinese port during the last 30 days must, at least three days before its arrival at the first port in the Kingdom, provide the following:

1. Submit a statement from the master to the relevant authorities (Port Administration, Border Guard, and the Ministry of Health office) that crew members or passengers are free of any pathological symptoms including high fever, sore throat, persistent coughing, breathing difficulties, and other symptoms that may indicate infection the Corona virus with his acknowledgment of data veracity.

2. Report any person in crew members or passengers who have symptoms of infection with the new Coronavirus, while taking the necessary measures to reduce the spread of infection on board the ship as isolating the suspect in a single room.

For more inquiries on the matter, you can communicate with the Transport General Authority through the following email: m.t.s@tga.gov.sa

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