

## SINGAPORE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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Marine Shipyards  
Process (Petrochemical/ Petroleum) Terminals  
Harbour Craft Community  
Pleasure Craft Community  
Shipping Community

### UPDATES ON THE MANDATORY PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES

This advisory brings attention to the updates on Mandatory Precautionary Measures by Singapore Economic Development Board (EDB), for all ships arriving at EDB-managed shipyards for repairs and at EDB-managed shipyards and process (petrochemical/ petroleum) terminals for contact or contactless operations.

2 With immediate effect, EDB-managed shipyards and process terminals must ensure all inbound vessels fulfil all three pre-arrival criteria prior to conducting the full or segregated contactless operations:

#### Pre-Arrival Criteria

- a. No crew change within the past 7 days prior to entering Singapore
- b. No shore leave or physical interaction with any overseas individuals other than their own crew within the past 7 days prior to entering Singapore
- c. No contact operations done in the past 7 days

3 In the event an inbound vessel cannot fulfil (b) and (c) of the abovementioned criteria, EDB-managed shipyards and process terminals must adopt the Enhanced Segregated Contactless Operations (ESCO). Under this operation, the shore-based personnel (for example, the mooring crew and the surveyor) can only board the vessel with all the vessel crew in their accommodation at all times. The shore-based personnel must also minimally don the full personal protective equipment, which includes the face shield or safety goggles or equivalent, a fitted N95 mask, gown and gloves, prior to boarding the vessel. However, if the surveyor is required to only conduct ESCO with the vessel crew, the surveyor must don the heightened PPE<sup>1</sup> prior to boarding the vessel. If the vessel is unable to comply with the protocol of the ESCO, EDB-managed shipyards and process terminals cannot accept the vessel and allow any operations to be conducted.

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<sup>1</sup> Heightened PPE includes hospital grade coverall, full face respirator with cartridges/ half face respirator with cartridges and safety goggles and gloves

4 With immediate effect, EDB-managed shipyards must ensure all inbound vessels fulfil all three pre-arrival criteria and on arrival requirements prior to conducting contact operations:

Pre-Arrival Criteria

- a. No crew change within the past 7 days prior to entering Singapore
- b. No shore leave or physical interaction with any overseas individuals other than their own crew within the past 7 days prior to entering Singapore
- c. Yards must ensure that all crew, from ALL countries, must have their PCR<sup>2</sup> swab test (PDT), or Antigen Rapid Test (ART) administered by a trained medical professional from an internationally accredited or recognised lab/clinic/medical facility and tested negative before departure from the last port of call. Thereafter, the ship is only allowed to conduct contactless operations in other ports of call prior to entering Port of Singapore. Yards must sight the crews' PDT/ ART negative test results before letter of acceptance is issued to ship agent/owner.

Updated Enhanced On-arrival Requirements

- a. On Arrival PCR Swab Test on board ships: Day 1
- b. 6 Antigen Rapid Tests (ART): Day 2-7
- c. Shore-based personnel can board the ship for work if the following requirements are met:
  - i. After the NTL crew are tested C- for the On Arrival PCR Swab Test
  - ii. From Day 2: After NTL crew are tested Ag- for that day if there is an ART requirement. (Day 2-7)
- d. Shore based personnel can only board after all crew are tested COVID Negative (C-) for their D1 On Arrival PCR Swab.

5 In the event an inbound vessel cannot fulfil any of the abovementioned criteria, EDB-managed shipyards must contact EDB Central COVID-19 Operations at [cco@edb.gov.sg](mailto:cco@edb.gov.sg)

6 Ships calling at shipyards for emergency repairs are exempted from Pre-Arrival criteria in para 5. Shore-based personnel shall only board the ship to work after all crew have tested PCR negative on D1 and D7. No other tests are required between D1 and D7. Contactless repair works can still be carried out once ship is safely berthed in shipyard.

7 EDB-managed shipyards and process terminals are no longer required to obtain approval from EDB CCO for any inbound vessels conducting contactless ops (CO), segregated contactless operations (SCO) or contact operations. EDB-managed shipyards and process terminals are to maintain the following information (to be retrievable upon request) of vessels that call at their premises in their register:

- a. the vessel's last port of call and the departure date from last port of call,
- b. arrival date at the Port of Singapore and departure date from the Port of Singapore
- c. vessel's next port of call
- d. type of operations
- e. name list of personnel that boarded the vessel

8 Existing ships in Singapore will complete current enhanced mandatory precautionary measures' test regime.

9 EDB-managed process terminals are reminded to always conduct contactless operations, regardless of the vessel's last port of call.

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<sup>2</sup> Including saliva samples

10 Since 1 February 2022 only fully vaccinated<sup>3</sup> personnel are allowed to enter EDB-managed shipyards/process terminals.

11 EDB CCO encourages all companies to work with us closely together in this journey towards a COVID-resilient nation.

12 Please contact EDB Central COVID-19 Operations at [cco@edb.gov.sg](mailto:cco@edb.gov.sg), for any clarification needed on this advisory.

MR KWANG KOON WAY  
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<sup>3</sup> Only the following workers can enter the workplace: (i) workers who are fully vaccinated with a vaccine under the National Vaccination Programme or WHO Emergency Use Listing and their respective post-vaccination duration, (ii) workers who have recovered from COVID-19 within the past 180 days  
<https://www.mom.gov.sg/covid-19/requirements-for-safe-management-measures>