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UPDATES ON THE LIFTING OF NTL STATUS OF 10 AFRICAN COUNTRIES

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

2 With effect from 26 December 2359H¹, the NTL status of the following 10 African countries of Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe, Ghana, Nigeria and Malawi are lifted. Ships arriving from Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Ghana and Nigeria will adhere to the updated mandatory precautionary measures.

3 EDB/ESG-managed shipyards and process terminals are no longer required to obtain approval from EDB CCO for any inbound vessels conducting contactless ops (CO) or segregated contactless operations (SCO) or contact operations.

4 EDB/ESG-managed shipyards and process terminals are to continue to submit a report of past week's vessels which had conducted CO, SCO and ESCO or contact operations in their premises by the following Monday, 5pm. The report needs to state the vessel's last port of call and the departure date from last port of call, arrival date at the Port of Singapore and departure date from the Port of Singapore and the next port of call. A NIL return is required if there are no new vessels in the week.

6 With effect from 27 December 2359H, EDB/ESG-managed shipyards must ensure all inbound vessels fulfil all three pre-arrival criteria and enhanced on arrival requirements prior to conducting contact operations:

Pre-Arrival Criteria

- a. No crew change within the past 14 days prior to entering Singapore
- b. No shore leave or physical interaction with any overseas individuals other than their own crew within the past 14 days prior to entering Singapore
- c. Yards must ensure that all crew, from ALL countries, must have their PCR swab test (PDT) taken and tested negative before departure from the last port of call. Thereafter,

¹ With reference to MOH announcement: https://www.moh.gov.sg/news-highlights/details/adjusting-our-approach-to-manage-the-omicron-variant_26Dec2021

the ship is only allowed to conduct contactless operations in other ports of call prior to entering Port of Singapore. Yards must sight the crew' PDT negative test results before letter of acceptance is issued to ship agent/owner.

Enhanced On-arrival Requirements²

- a. On Arrival PCR Swab Test on board ships : Day 1
- b. 7 Antigen Rapid Tests³ (ART) : Day 2-7 and Day 10
- 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. Between day 2 – 7 and day 10: After NTL crew are tested Ag- for that day.
- d. If at any time NTL crew is unwell or tested Ag+/C+, shore-based personnel are not allowed to board the ship.

6 In the event an inbound vessel cannot fulfil any of the abovementioned criteria, EDB/ESG-managed shipyards have to contact EDB Central COVID-19 Operations at cco@edb.gov.sg

7 Existing ships in Singapore will complete current mandatory precautionary measures test regime.

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

9 Please contact EDB Central COVID-19 Operations at cco@edb.gov.sg, for any clarification needed on this advisory.

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² Refer to EDB's advisory on 23 Dec 2021

³ Only HSA approved ART kits can be used. https://www.hsa.gov.sg/consumer-safety/articles/covid19_selftests