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Marine Shipyards
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Harbour Craft Community
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UPDATES ON THE HEIGHTENED MANDATORY PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES

This advisory brings attention to the updates on Heightened 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 From 17 September 2021, EDB/ESG-managed shipyards and process terminals must ensure all inbound vessels from any of the 6 Not-to-land (NTL) countries¹ and Indonesia 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 21 days prior to entering Singapore
- b. No shore leave or physical interaction with any overseas individuals other than their own crew within the past 21 days prior to entering Singapore
- c. No contact operations done in the past 21 days

3 In the event an inbound vessel cannot fulfil any of the abovementioned criteria, EDB/ESG-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 conduct Segregated Contactless Operations (SCO) with the vessel crew under the ESCO, the surveyor must don the heightened PPE² prior to boarding the vessel. If the vessel is unable to comply with the protocol of the ESCO, EDB/ESG-managed shipyards and process terminals cannot accept the vessel and allow any operations to be conducted³.

¹ India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Myanmar are termed as the NTL countries.

² Heightened PPE includes hospital grade coverall, full face respirator with cartridges/ half face respirator with cartridges and safety goggles and gloves

³ More details of the contact, contactless operations and enhanced segregated contactless operations are found in the attached updated Heightened Mandatory Precautionary Measures deck.

4 EDB/ESG-managed shipyards and process terminals no longer are required to obtain approval from EDB CCO for any inbound vessels conducting contactless ops (CO) or segregated contactless operations (SCO). EDB/ESG-managed shipyards and process terminals are to submit a report of past week's vessels which had conducted CO, SCO and ESCO 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.

5 If any vessel arriving from or transiting through the NTL countries or Indonesia needs to conduct contact operations (for example, ship repair calls), EDB/ESG-managed shipyards and process terminals must obtain the approval of EDB CCO prior to accepting the vessels. EDB/ESG-managed shipyards and process terminals must also ensure these vessels comply with the pre-arrival criteria first. The vessels must adhere to the Mandatory Precautionary Measures when the vessels are berthed at the shipyards or process terminals.

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

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

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

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