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The Chairman,
Karachi Port Trust,
Karachi.

SUB: TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF NOVEL
CORONA VIRUS [2019-nCoV] FOR PORTS.

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to enclose herewith Travel Advisory issued by the
Directorate of Central Health Establishments, Islamabad, on the subject mentioned
above for information and further action.

Yours sincerely,

(Dr. Muhammad Ali Zafarani)
Port Health Officer,
Karachi.

Encl: As above.

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1. The Director General, Ministry of Maritime Affairs [Ports & Shipping], KDL
   Building, Karachi.
2. The Director General, Department of Plant Protection, Ministry of National
   Food & Security & Research, Karachi.
5. The Collector of Custom Appraisement, West Wharf, Karachi.
6. The Director, Animal Quarantine Department, Karachi.
7. The Chairman, Dock Labour Board, KDL Building, Karachi.
8. The Director, Marine Fisheries Department, West Wharf, Karachi.
10. The Chief Medical Officer, Karachi Port Trust, Karachi.
11. The Assistant Director, FIA/Immigration, Karachi Seaport.
12. The Manager, Marine Pollution Control Department, KPT., Karachi.
15. The Secretary, All Pakistan Shipping Agents Association, Karachi.
16. The Secretary, Shipping Agents Association, GSA House, Karachi.
17. The Operation Manager, PICT, Karachi.
18. The Operation Manager, SAPT, Karachi.
19. The Operation Manager, KICT, Karachi.

Port Health Officer,
Karachi.
SUBJECT: TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF NOVEL CORONA VIRUS (2019-nCoV) FOR PORTS

Background

Keeping in view the emergence of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in Wuhan City, China with an increasing morbidity, mortality besides documented spread of the said disease to Thailand, Nepal, Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan, South Korea, Australia, France, Germany, Canada and USA, the Directorate of Central Health Establishments under Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination has issued advisory/guidelines for awareness at Ports.

The objective of this advisory is to alert and sensitize the health-care authorities and functionaries at Points of Entry especially Ports to be vigilant in the detection of any suspected case who is travelling to/from any area of China/ endemic zone to strengthen. This will improve the level of preparedness for prevention, control and management of the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

Sign and Symptoms

The clinical signs and symptoms includes fever, cough and difficulty in breathing. Chest radiographs show invasive pneumonic infiltrates in both lungs. There must be a history of travel to Wuhan or any other affected area of China within last 15 days along with above symptom to establish suspect.
Treatment:

No vaccine or specific treatment for 2019-nCoV infection is yet available. The patient care is mainly supportive. Ensure hand hygiene and cough antiques for prevention and personal protection.

In view of above, Directorate of Central Health Establishments under M/O National Health Services Regulations & Coordination, Islamabad has issued the following

HEALTH ADVISORY:

1. No Ships/Conveyance shall be permitted its entry within the Pakistan’s Port territory unless the ship operator provides an undertaking of not having any diseased person having sign & symptoms of Nobel Corona Virus (2019 nCoV)

2. No person on board is allowed to move to the off shores until clearance from Port Health Department is obtained

3. No personnel shall be permitted in deck areas without wearing disposable mask and gloves

4. No personnel/s from any agency should not be allowed to get on board of the ships/Conveyance without proper protective measures irrespective of China bound/voyaged ships or other.

5. Concerned F.I.A / Immigration are hereby advised to not to issue any Shore Leave Pass to any Personnel on board without health clearance from Port Health Officer till further orders.

6. For all Pakistani crew arriving, there is no obligation to sign off if the personnel did not visit any Chinese city/ports or any effected shores/country within last 15 days or has a history of contact.

7. The Pakistan Customs are hereby advised to check pre-loading health measures certificate for cargo, baggage, parcels, livestock, raw material, used cloths, utensil and raw meat or fish.

8. No Custom examination of cargo should carry out without proper health measures done under the supervision of Port Health Authorities.
9. All second hand goods must be sprayed and certified by PHO.
10. All health related data may kindly be shared with the Port Health Authorities on daily/regular basis.
11. No infected or suspected ship/conveyance shall be permitted for berthing without health measures and shall be isolate at outer anchorage.
12. All Port Authorities are hereby advised to take routine preventive health measures like fumigation, disinfection or disinfection etc. within the territory of port in particular of berth area under the supervision of Port Health Officers.
13. All International Health Documents required routinely as per International agreements (IHR-2005 etc.) remain intact.

In case of above mentioned symptoms immediately contact health authorities.
- Dr. Mohammad Ali Zardari (0321 2046691)
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Kindly ensure and make it convenient to implement all above health advisory in response to Novel Corona Virus Alert.

(DIRECTOR)

Distribution to:-
- SPS to Secretary, Ministry of Maritime Affairs
- Chairman, Port Authority of Pakistan
- The Director General Health, National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination, Islamabad
- SPS to Secretary, Pakistan Shipping Association
- All Port Health Officers, Port Health Establishment, Karachi/Port Bin Qasim/Gawdar, for strict compliance