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**DIRECTION AND NOTICE: 1/2020**

**TO ALL INTERNATIONAL SHIP & PORT FACILITY AND  
FACILITIES SERVING INTERNATIONAL VESSELS**

**This Direction and Notice is issued under Merchant Shipping (Maritime Security) Regulation 2013 - Part II Section 3, 4 & 5 and the ISPS Code in support of the National Department of Health and Immigration & Citizenship Authority to mitigate the spread of 2019 Novel Coronavirus.**

All International vessels and port facilities are hereby directed to take heed of the following;

1. There is a suspension of shore leave by crew of all international vessels calling into all PNG ports facilities.
2. There is a suspension of crew change in all PNG port facilities.
3. No crew is allowed on the quayside of PNG port facilities.
4. No personnel from the portside is allowed on board any International vessel apart from those performing statutory functions.
5. All statutory function undertaken by receiving PNG port personnel should be done strictly with the PNG Department of Health guideline on the contingency strategy and appropriate PPE.
6. All cruise vessels are to be cleared in Port of Port Moresby, Lae and Rabaul before any expedition to any other port or remote site.
7. All log ships are to be cleared in Port of Port Moresby, Lae and Rabaul before any expedition to any other port or log ponds.
8. PNG port facilities cover PNG Ports Corporation Limited (PNGPCL) ISPS Port facilities, Private ISPS Port facilities and facilities occasionally serving international vessels under Declaration of Security (DoS).

Deliberate **failure to comply** with this Direction and Notice is a breach of the Regulation and can warrant a penalty fee of K100,000.00.

Any party having difficulty complying with these directions should immediately contact the First Assistant Secretary – Maritime Security Division on email: [sadema@transport.gov.pg](mailto:sadema@transport.gov.pg) or on telephone: 323 6187 or 3257500.

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