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**CIRCULAR**

In compliance of the latest [Guidelines for International arrivals of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, dated 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022](#) & effective from 00.01 hrs on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022, the following amended SOP would be implemented for sign-on/sign-off crew of both Indian and foreign nationality at Visakhapatnam Seaport with immediate effect:

**Sign On:** - All asymptomatic crew in possession of primary vaccination schedule completion certificate of the 2 doses against Covid-19 issued atleast 14 days earlier, and from either India or any of the countries as per [the list in context of the above guidelines issued on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022](#) (the list is dynamic), would be exempt from a negative rT-PCR test report for Covid-19 to join the ship, unless otherwise required by the Shipping Company's rules & regulations. The certificate of crew arriving from a foreign country would have to be uploaded on [the Air Suvidha portal](#), and a copy of the amended Self Declaration Form submitted to the office of the PHO before sign-on. They would have to self-monitor their health on board for a period of 14 days in the interest of safety of fellow crew members, and report any signs/symptoms suggestive of Covid-19 during this period to the health officials of the next port.

**Sign Off:** - All asymptomatic crew in possession of primary vaccination schedule completion certificate of the 2 doses against Covid-19 issued atleast 14 days earlier, and from either India or any of the countries as per [the list in context of the above guidelines issued on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022](#) (the list is dynamic), would be exempt from a negative rT-PCR test report for Covid-19 at the time of signing off. They would be required to submit the amended Self declaration Form (SDF) with the details of the certificate. They would be permitted to proceed to their hotel quarantine facility and onward destination from there (foreign nationals might have to undergo pre-departure rT-PCR test if stipulated by their home country), and self-monitor their health under home quarantine for a further period of 14 days. Any signs/symptoms of Covid-19 during this period would have to be reported to the nearest health facility.

Any crew without the primary vaccination schedule completion certificate or crew with signs/symptoms suggestive of Covid-19 would have to undergo rT-PCR test irrespective of their vaccination status, and their sign-on/sign-off permitted only with a negative test report as per existing guidelines.

भवदीय / Yours faithfully,

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