

Haifa, 12 March 2020

Dear Ship agents and shipping companies,

Subject: Updated Guidelines for crew members on cargo vessels visiting the port of Haifa in order to prevent the spread of the Corona virus

1. Introduction

- 1.1. Following the outbreak of the Corona virus in Israel, the Ministry of Health, acting as its national supervisor, periodically issues guidelines and updates on the spread of the virus and the necessary steps to be taken to prevent it from spreading.
- 1.2. As part of the guidelines, the Ministry of Health has published a vessel procedure that specifies the instructions for handling the vessel in the ports and the protection requirements for port employees and vessels crew on the vessel, during operations at the port.
- 1.3. **According to the Ministry of Health's guidelines, starting on Thursday, March 12, at 8:00 pm, people with foreign citizenship which does not have a proven address in Israel (not a hotel) where they can spend 14 days in solitary confinement, will not be allowed into Israel.**
Guideline validity: Two weeks until 26.03 20:00.
- 1.4. **The significance of this Ministry of Health's Guideline regarding the entry of vessels into Haifa port is that all vessels arriving at the port of Haifa are at a high risk and the crew on board will not be allowed off the vessel to the dock.**
- 1.5. Port activities related to the prevention of the spread of corona virus, including providing guidance and updates, are conducted by a hotline headed by Oded Mizrahi. Tel: 048518539.

2. Guidelines for cargo Vessels operation in Haifa Port Co.

- 2.1. Responsibility for carrying out the instructions below lies with the shipping company / shipping agent.
- 2.2. About 12 hours before a vessel arrives at the anchorage of the Port of Haifa, the captain of the vessel will transfer to the Marine Traffic Control Room of the port a report which includes a list of all crew members and body heat measurement results that has been examined near the report's delivery.**
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- 2.3. Vessel crews will be required to remain in their rooms during operational activities carried out by Haifa port employees on the vessel.
- 2.4. In each vessel will be assigned a contact person on behalf of the vessel to coordinate with the port staff .This contact person will be required to be protected with a surgical mask and rubber gloves to prevent infection.
- 2.5. Inoperative vessels anchored at the Haifa port quays will be required to lift the vessel ramp.
- 2.6. During the vessel's stay at the quay in Haifa Port, a representative will be appointed on behalf of the shipping agent / shipping company to ensure that the vessel's crew remains on the vessel.
- 2.7. Due to the nature of the Corona virus and its droplet survival, an hour before the Port Pilot arrival, the vessel crew will take care of cleaning the elevator and the bridge area in surfaces that the Port Pilot must contact, with a mixture of water and chlorine at 5% concentration.
- 2.8. During the boarding of the vessel, and on the way to the vessel's command bridge, the Port pilot will be accompanied by a crew member who will be protected by a mask and rubber gloves.
- 2.9. The command bridge on the vessel will be manned by a minimum of crew members, all of whom will be protected by mask and rubber gloves during the routing operation.



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- 2.10. The staff member who meets the Port pilot and those present in the command bridge will make an effort to keep 2m distance from the Port pilot during routing.
- 2.11. Boarding on vessel of: Haifa Port employees, Lashing companies, refrigeration companies, duty free workers and others, will only be possible, after a body heat check for vessel's crew members. Briefing the workers by a foreman and after checking that all employees and other visitors, are properly protected.
- 2.12. In the case of receiving a report of a sick crew member on a vessel, the information will be forwarded to a port emergency unit .The Port Emergency Unit will update the Health Ministry hotline and act in accordance with their guidelines.

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