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Sub: Ships coming from Yellow Fever Endemic area –
Standard Operating Procedures(SOP) – Reg.

The following Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) will apply to ships coming to Chennai Port as first Port of call after calling any yellow fever endemic countries ports within last 30 days.

- (A) The Port Health Officer(PHO) will board the ship along with the Pilot between sunrise and sunset only.
- (B) As soon as the ship is in contact with Signal Station or when the documents are ready for waiting ship, the Signal Station will inform the PHO in the following contact numbers:

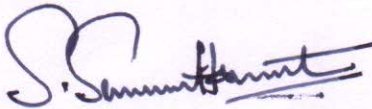
- a. Land Line - 044-25260038
b. Mobile No. - 9428506206 / 8667000923 / 9003080850
c. Email ID - pho.chn-mohfw@gov.in / quarantinechennai@yahoo.com

The Signal Station will also ensure that the Agent has made necessary arrangements for the PHO to accompany the Pilot to the ship.

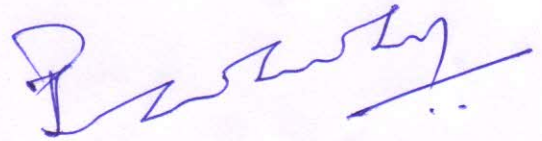
- (C) In case of any unforeseen delay or inability of PHO to accompany the Pilot, in such case with the approval and special instructions of the PHO by telecon to the Pilot or through the Signal Station, the PHO will board the ship inside the breakwater prior to berthing.

- (D) The Shipping Agents to send the YF Suspected Ship Sanitary Guidelines for all the YF Suspected ships and follow up with PHO by email 5 days prior to arrival to Chennai Port.

All Agents are requested to strictly abide by the above Standard Operating Procedures in order to ensure that there is no delay in berthing of vessels.



Port Health Officer, Chennai



Deputy Conservator, Chennai Port Trust.

Enclosure: - 1. YF Suspected Ship Sanitary Guidelines 2. The YF Endemic Countries List 3. YF Suspected Ship Proforma.

Yellow Fever Countries List

YELLOW FEVER ENDEMIC COUNTRIES LIST

Africa

1. Angola.
2. Benin.
3. Burkino Faso.
4. Burundi.
5. Cameroon.
6. Central African Republic.
7. Chad.
8. Congo.
9. Ivory Coast.
10. Democratic Republic of Congo (Zaire).
11. Equatorial Guinea.
12. Ethiopia
13. Gabon.
14. Gambia.
15. Ghana.
16. Guinea.
17. Guinea – Bissau.
18. Kenya.
19. Liberia.
20. Mali.
21. Mauritania
22. Niger.
23. Nigeria.
23. Rwanda.
25. Senegal.
26. Sierra Leone.
27. Sudan.
28. South Sudan
29. Togo.
30. Uganda.

South America

1. Argentina.
2. Bolivia.
3. Brazil.
4. Colombia.
5. Ecuador.
6. French Guyana.
7. Guyana.
8. Panama.
9. Paraguay.
10. Peru.
11. Suriname.
12. Trinidad & Tobago.
13. Venezuela.



Any ship arriving from the Ports of the above listed countries within 30 days are considered suspected and has to get Free Pratique (Health Clearance), from the Port Health Officer, at the first Indian Port of Call.

***Port Health Organisation, Chennai Port.
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India.***

SANITARY GUIDELINES FOR THE MASTER OF INCOMING VESSELS COMING FROM YELLOW FEVER INFECTED AREAS WITHIN 30 DAYS AT OF CHENNAI, ENNORE: -

All ships which have touched any ports from the Yellow Fever endemic countries of Africa or South America (List enclosed as a separate document), coming to India within 30 days, irrespective of the number of intermediate ports touched before 30 days, will have to undergo Health Screening by the Port Health Officer, Kandla and obtain free pratique before the berthing or operations of the vessel.

PRE-ARRIVAL SHIP PREPARATION

1. The ship must hoist the "QQ" Flag (2 Yellow Quarantine Flags) and must be anchored 500 meters away from shore and other vessels till the vessel is given free pratique.
2. No persons are to be allowed to board the vessel until free pratique is granted. In case of need of Emergency Medical assistance or requirement of provisions, water Port Health Officer's written permission to be taken.
3. All the crew must possess valid Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate as per the WHO, International Health Regulations-/1969 or 2005 Format. The Vaccination book must have date of vaccination, signing authority stamp with signature, Batch number & Manufacturer of Vaccine, stamp of the vaccination centre and the signature of the vaccinee. If any of this is missing then the certificate is invalid or if there is unvaccinated crew on board then the sanitary measures or Quarantine of the ship will be applied as per the Inspection accordingly for 6 days or 30 days from the departure date, whichever is earlier.
4. The ship must be kept clean from all deck water collection 24 hrs & 6 hrs., before arrival to Outer Tuna Buoy, Kandla or the Anchorage Point in case of minor ports of Gujarat.
5. No water storage in drums or any other containers are allowed. To drain all water storage appliances 24 hours & 6 hours before arrival to the port.
6. If there is water rationing, the appliances to be covered.
7. All the Yellow Fever Vaccination books, Medical Log book, Shore Medical Assistance log book, Ship Sanitation Control /Exemption Certificate & Medicine Chest Certificate must be kept ready for inspection.
8. All the crew who have joined the vessel in the last one month to be given in the Maritime Declaration of Health as follows.
Name, Port of Joining, Date & Nationality. All those crew to be present with their Passport for Health screening, by the Quarantine Inspectors.
9. If the ship is staying in anchorage for greater than 3 days, the deck must be cleaned and kept dry of any standing water every 4th day of stay.

