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NOTICE TO ALL SHIP AGENTS, CARGO SHIP CREWS AND PERSONNEL OF THE FREEPORT OF RIGA TERMINALS

Having regard to the World Health Organization's Notice of March 11, 2020, stating that Covid-19 has reached pandemic proportions, and based on Section 4, Paragraph one, Clause 1, sub-clause (e) of the Civil Protection and Disaster Management Law, Section 4, Section 5, Paragraph one, and Section 6, Paragraph one, Clause 1 and Paragraph 2, Section 7, Paragraph one and Section 8 of the Law On Emergency Situation and State of Exception, Section 3, Paragraph two of the Epidemiological Safety Law with the aim to determine epidemiological safety and other measures: **A state of emergency has been declared** throughout the national territory from the moment of the adoption of the decision to 14 April 2020 with the aim to restrict the spread of Covid-19 during the period of validity of the emergency situation.

In view of the above, the crews of **ALL** cargo ships calling at the Port of Riga, personnel of **ALL** terminals and the port shall adhere to the following requirements:

1. Ship agents of all cargo vessels calling at the Port of Riga, in addition to other pre-arrival documentation shall submit also completed **Maritime Declaration of Health Form** via the International Ship Logistics and Port Information System (SKLOIS) before entering the port.
2. Upon crossing the Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) reporting line, the Master of the vessel shall call the VTS - call sign "RIGA TRAFFIC" - on VHF ch 09 and confirm that all crew members are in good health. The Master of the vessel shall also provide an identical report at least one hour prior departure from the port.
3. Crewmembers of foreign-flagged vessels calling at the Port of Riga shall not be allowed to come ashore, except when routine operation of the vessel requires so (for example, to inspect the draft marks, to receive ship supplies).
4. All activities related to cargo handling and ship maintenance shall be carried out with a minimum of physical contact between persons within a minimum distance of 2 meters. Visits on board vessel shall be limited to essential crew only.
5. In case of suspicion on board the ship of having Covid-19, the Master of the vessel shall immediately report it to the Harbour Master office either by e-mail satiksm@rop.lv, phone + 371 67082035 or reporting to VTS on VHF ch 09. In this case, the vessel is directed to the anchorage for further action.
6. All the latest information on the situation in the country and recommendations for action in the event of a pandemic is available at www.spkc.lv
7. The requirements shall take effect from March 14, 2020.