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UPDATED ADVISORY FOR THE MARINE & OFFSHORE SECTOR

1. The COVID Safe Transportation criteria has been aligned with BCA requirements for the construction sector.
2. The Mandatory Precautionary Measures (MPM) in Annex B of the Safe Restart Document will come into effect on 5 April 2021.
3. The MPM will apply to all inbound vessels arriving at our Singapore-based shipyards and waterfront facilities on 5 April 2021 onwards. For vessel repair jobs that shipyards have already issued the Letter of Acceptance (LOA) in accordance with the MPM dated 19th Feb, shipyards are to write to their respective account managers from the Singapore Economic Development Board (EDB) or Enterprise Singapore (ESG) and copy to EDB Central COVID Ops (CCO) team at cco@edb.gov.sg , with their specific queries at least 7 calendar days in advance. The case will be assessed accordingly, and an approval may be given on a case-by-case basis. (See attached FAQs)
4. The full listing and details of the COVID-Safe Restart Criteria for Shipyards, Resident Contractors and Common Contractors (Marine & Offshore) may be downloaded from MTI's GoBusiness portal (<https://covid.gobusiness.gov.sg>).

Updates and Clarifications

5. There will be regular reviews of measures and requirements as the global and local COVID-19 situations evolve. You can refer to MTI's GoBusiness portal (<https://covid.gobusiness.gov.sg/>) for updates.
6. For foreign-owned enterprises and large local enterprises, please contact EDB at <http://www.edb.gov.sg/en/contact/contact-us.html> if you have any queries or require clarifications. All other local enterprises can contact ESG at <https://covid.gobusiness.gov.sg/contact-us/> if you have any queries or require clarifications.

FAQs

Q1. What is the objective of the Updated Mandatory Precautionary Measures (MPM)?

A1. Due to rising infection rates and more ships expected to call at Singapore shipyards for repairs, the single On-Arrival Test (OAT) for arriving Not To Land (NTL) crew is insufficient to protect public health of our local yard workers. MOH developed the enhanced testing regime that targets the arriving NTL crew at shipyards. It takes a risk-calibrated approach to NTL crew of all non-passenger ships arriving at the shipyards for works, by aligning with the treatment of SafeTravel Pass RGL (SGL) travellers, i.e. OAT swab and serology, and D3, D7, D14 swabs.

Agencies have updated the MPM for Shipyard Repair Calls in Singapore to include an Enhanced Testing Regime, with the objective of ensuring the safety of our yard workers and the business continuity of our shipyards while Singapore continues to allow repair calls in our shipyards.

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Q2. If the vessel is unable to meet the criteria in the mandatory precautionary measures for shipyard repair calls in Singapore, can the shipyard still accept the repair job?

A2. Shipyards are to write to their respective account managers from the Singapore Economic Development Board (EDB) or Enterprise Singapore (ESG) and copy to EDB Central COVID Ops (CCO) team at cco@edb.gov.sg , with their specific queries at least 7 calendar days in advance. The case will be assessed accordingly, and an approval may be given on a case-by-case basis. [Updated 30 Mar 2021]

Q3. If the vessel crew have not met the Pre-Departure Test criteria, can the shipyard still accept the repair job?

A3. Shipyards are to write to their respective account managers from the Singapore Economic Development Board (EDB) or Enterprise Singapore (ESG) and copy to EDB Central COVID Ops (CCO) team at cco@edb.gov.sg , with their specific queries at least 7 calendar days in advance. The case will be assessed accordingly, and an approval may be given on a case-by-case basis. [Updated 30 Mar 2021]

Shipyards must inform their vessels to plan their voyage for her crew to take Pre-Departure PCR Swab Test at the last port of call or prior to entering Port of Singapore. Shipyards must sight all the vessel crew's Pre-Departure Negative PCR Swab Test results and keep all results as records. Shipyards can then issue the Letter of Acceptance to the vessel. **[Updated 30 Mar 2021]**

This set of measures have been carefully calibrated to provide lines of defence against C+ cases from vessel crew spilling over to the shipyard and the broader community. It is with the interest of preserving business continuity that the shipyards must implement these mandatory measures. Where there are C+ cases detected and worksite transmission is not contained at the shipyard, the whole shipyard could stop work for a period of time to prevent further transmission, which will be even more disruptive and costlier to the yard and ship owners in managing the incident as compared to implementing the mandatory precautionary measures.

Q4. When will the Updated Assessment Framework be implemented?

A4. Implementation date will be 5 April 2021. The Mandatory Precautionary Measures (effective date: 5 April 2021) will apply to all inbound vessels arriving at our Singapore-based shipyards and waterfront facilities on 5 April 2021 onwards. For vessel repair jobs that shipyards have already issued the Letter of Acceptance (LOA) in accordance with the Mandatory Precautionary Measures dated 19th Feb, shipyards are to write to their respective account managers from the Singapore Economic Development Board (EDB) or Enterprise Singapore (ESG) and copy to EDB Central COVID Ops (CCO) team at cco@edb.gov.sg, with their specific queries at least 7 calendar days in advance. The case will be assessed accordingly, and an approval may be given on a case-by-case basis. **[Updated 30 Mar 2021]**