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WAIVER TO TRAVEL RESTRICTION FOR SHIPPING RELATED PERSONNEL IN THE RED AND YELLOW ZONE

The spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic across large number of countries is an unprecedented situation in recent times. To slow the spread of the disease and mitigate its impacts, travel advisories have been issued by many jurisdictions including Bangladesh. Presently Bangladesh is implementing Zoning policy where various areas will be demarked as Red, Yellow and Green zone depending on the rate of infection due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) where various measures will be taken to mitigate the rate of infection. However, shipping services are required to be operational so that vital goods and essential commodities like fuel, medical supplies, food grains etc., are delivered in a way that the economic activity of the nation and supply chain is not disrupted. It is, therefore, important that the flow of goods by sea should not be needlessly disrupted while also the safety of life and protection of the environment taken care off including health of citizens.

In view of the same, waiver to travel restriction for shipping related personnel is essential who are also playing the role of **keyworkers** during this pandemic. Shipping related personnel shall maintain WHO Guidelines regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19) and all other instructions/ guidelines/

advisories/ precautions issued on Coronavirus (COVID-19) by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare/Directorate General of Health Services, Bangladesh. Shipping related personnel while going out for essential duty purpose shall carry valid identity card/pass.

In view of the above, all concerned are requested to allow movement/travel of personnel of essential shipping related activities including seafarers while on duty.

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