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FOR: Ship Owners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Ship Masters, Ship Officers, Recognized Organizations, Flag State Inspectors

SUBJECT: CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC (COVID-19)

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this circular is to disseminate useful and important measures and guidance originating from IMO relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Tuvalu Administration wishes to stress that it supports all the measures and guidance originating from IMO.

APPENDICES & URLS:

- (a) IMO Circular Letter No.4204 – Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV), dated 31 January 2020
<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/PublishingImages/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204%20Novel%20Coronavirus%202019-Ncov%20Secretariat.pdf>
- (b) IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.1 – COVID-19 – Implementation and enforcement of relevant IMO instruments, dated 19 February 2020
<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/CL.4204-Add.1%20English.pdf>
- (c) IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.2 – Joint Statement IMO-WHO on the Response to the COVID-19 Outbreak, dated 21 February 2020
[http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.2%20-%20Joint%20Statement%20Imo-Who%20On%20The%20Response%20To%20The%20Covid-19%20Outbreak%20\(Secretariat\).pdf](http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.2%20-%20Joint%20Statement%20Imo-Who%20On%20The%20Response%20To%20The%20Covid-19%20Outbreak%20(Secretariat).pdf)
- (d) IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.3 – Operational Considerations for managing COVID-19 cases/outbreak on board ships, dated 02 March 2020
<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.3.pdf>
- (e) IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.4/Rev.2 – ICS Coronavirus (COVID-19) Guidance for ship operators for the protection of the health of seafarers, dated 09 October 2020
<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/COVID%20CL%204204%20adds/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.4.pdf>
- (f) IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.5/Rev.1 – Guidance relating to the certification of seafarers and fishing vessel personnel, dated 02 April 2020
<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204%20Add.5%20Rev.1.pdf>

- (g) IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.6 – Preliminary list of recommendations for Governments and relevant national authorities on the facilitation of maritime trade during the COVID-19 pandemic, dated 27 March 2020
<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204Add.6%20%20Coronavirus%20Covid-19%20Preliminary%20List%20Of%20Recommendations.pdf>
- (h) IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.7 – Guidance concerning unforeseen delays in the delivery of ships, dated 03 April 2020
<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.7%20-%20Coronavirus.pdf>
- (i) IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.8 – Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Video meeting with port State control (PSC) regimes, dated 14 April 2020
<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.8%20-%20Coronavirus%20Video%20Meeting%20With%20Port%20State%20Control.pdf>
- (j) IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.9 – Joint Statement IMO-WCO on the integrity of the global supply chain during the COVID-19 pandemic, dated 16 April 2020
<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.9%20-%20Joint%20Statement%20Imo-Wco%20On%20The%20Integrity%20Of%20The%20Global%20Supply%20Chain.pdf>
- (k) IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.10 – Joint Statement IMO-WHO-ILO on medical certificates of seafarers, ship sanitation certificates and medical care of seafarers in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, dated 22 April 2020
<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/COVID%20CL%204204%20adds/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.10%20-%20Joint%20Statement%20Imo-Who-Ilo%20On%20Medical%20Certificates.pdf>
- (l) IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.11 – Coronavirus (COVID-19) – EC Guidelines on protection of health, repatriation and travel arrangements for seafarers, passengers and other persons on board ships, dated 24 April 2020
<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/COVID%20CL%204204%20adds/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.11%20-%20Coronavirus%20Covid%2019%20-%20Ec%20Guidelines%20On%20Protection%20Of%20Health%20Repatriation.pdf>
- (m) IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.12 – Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Declaration by Port Authorities Roundtable (PAR) members in view of the global COVID-19 situation, dated 27 April 2020
[http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/COVID%20CL%204204%20adds/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.12%20-%20Coronavirus%20\(Covid%2019\)%20-%20Declaration%20By%20Port%20Authorities%20Roundtable.pdf](http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/COVID%20CL%204204%20adds/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.12%20-%20Coronavirus%20(Covid%2019)%20-%20Declaration%20By%20Port%20Authorities%20Roundtable.pdf)
- (n) IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.13 – Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Recommendations for Governments and relevant national authorities on facilitating the movement of offshore energy sector personnel during the COVID-19 pandemic, dated 05 May 2020
[http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.13%20-%20Coronavirus%20\(Covid-19\)%20-%20Recommendations%20For%20Governments%20And%20Relevant%20National%20Authorities.pdf](http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.13%20-%20Coronavirus%20(Covid-19)%20-%20Recommendations%20For%20Governments%20And%20Relevant%20National%20Authorities.pdf)
- (o) IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.14/Rev.1 – Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Recommended framework of protocols for ensuring safe ship crew changes and travel during coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, dated 05 October 2020
[http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/COVID%20CL%204204%20adds/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.14%20-%20Coronavirus%20\(Covid-19\)%20-%20Recommended%20Framework%20Of%20Protocols.pdf](http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/COVID%20CL%204204%20adds/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.14%20-%20Coronavirus%20(Covid-19)%20-%20Recommended%20Framework%20Of%20Protocols.pdf)

- (p) IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.15 – Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Personal protective equipment, dated 07 May 2020
[http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/COVID%20CL%204204%20adds/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.15%20-%20Coronavirus%20\(Covid%2019\)%20-%20Personal%20Protective%20Equipment.pdf](http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/COVID%20CL%204204%20adds/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.15%20-%20Coronavirus%20(Covid%2019)%20-%20Personal%20Protective%20Equipment.pdf)
- (q) IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.16 – Coronavirus (COVID-19) – COVID-19 related guidelines for ensuring safe shipboard interface between ship and shore-based personnel, dated 11 May 2020
[http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/COVID%20CL%204204%20adds/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.16%20-%20Coronavirus%20\(Covid%2019\)%20-%20Covid-19%20Related%20Guidelines%20For%20Ensuring%20A%20Safe%20Shipboard.pdf](http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/COVID%20CL%204204%20adds/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.16%20-%20Coronavirus%20(Covid%2019)%20-%20Covid-19%20Related%20Guidelines%20For%20Ensuring%20A%20Safe%20Shipboard.pdf)
- (r) IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.17 – Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Preparing for post COVID-19 operations: considerations and practicalities for port community systems, single window and other electronic exchange platforms, dated 21 May 2020
[http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/COVID%20CL%204204%20adds/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.17%20-%20Coronavirus%20\(Covid%2019\)%20-%20Preparing%20For%20Post%20Covid-19%20OperationsConsiderations.pdf](http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/COVID%20CL%204204%20adds/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.17%20-%20Coronavirus%20(Covid%2019)%20-%20Preparing%20For%20Post%20Covid-19%20OperationsConsiderations.pdf)
- (s) IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.18 – Joint Statement IMO-ICAO-ILO on designation of seafarers, marine personnel, fishing vessel personnel, offshore energy sector personnel, aviation personnel, air cargo supply chain personnel and service provider personnel at airports and ports as key workers, and on facilitation of crew changes in ports and airports in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, dated 26 May 2020
<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/COVID%20CL%204204%20adds/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.18%20-%20Joint%20Statement%20Imo-Icao-Ilo%20On%20Designation%20Of%20Seafarers.pdf>
- (t) IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.19/Rev.2 – Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Guidance for flag States regarding surveys and renewals of certificates during the COVID-19 pandemic, dated 22 July 2020
<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.19-Rev.2.pdf>
- (u) IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.20 – Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Accelerating digitalization of maritime trade and logistics – A call to action, dated 08 June 2020
[http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/COVID%20CL%204204%20adds/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.20%20-%20Coronavirus%20\(Covid-19\)%20-%20Accelerating%20Digitalization%20Of%20Maritime%20Trade.pdf](http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/COVID%20CL%204204%20adds/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.20%20-%20Coronavirus%20(Covid-19)%20-%20Accelerating%20Digitalization%20Of%20Maritime%20Trade.pdf)
- (v) IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.21 – Joint statement IMO-UNCTAD – Call for collaborative action in support of keeping ships moving, ports open and cross-border trade flowing during the COVID-19 pandemic, dated 09 June 2020
<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/COVID%20CL%204204%20adds/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.21%20-%20Joint%20Statement%20Imo-Unctad%20-%20Call%20For%20Action%20Keeping%20Ships%20Moving.pdf>
- (w) IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.22/Rev.1 – Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Singapore Crew Change Guidebook, dated 25 June 2020
[http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/COVID%20CL%204204%20adds/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.22-Rev.1%20-%20Coronavirus%20\(Covid-19\)%20-%20Singapore%20Crew%20Change%20Guidebook.pdf](http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/COVID%20CL%204204%20adds/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.22-Rev.1%20-%20Coronavirus%20(Covid-19)%20-%20Singapore%20Crew%20Change%20Guidebook.pdf)

- (x) IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.23 – Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Recommendations for port and coastal States on the prompt disembarkation of seafarers for medical care ashore during the COVID-19 pandemic, dated 06 July 2020
[http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/COVID%20CL%204204%20adds/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.23%20-%20Coronavirus%20\(Covid-19\)%20-%20Recommendations%20For%20Port%20And%20CoastalStates%20On%20medical%20care.pdf](http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/COVID%20CL%204204%20adds/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.23%20-%20Coronavirus%20(Covid-19)%20-%20Recommendations%20For%20Port%20And%20CoastalStates%20On%20medical%20care.pdf)

- (y) IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.24 – Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Outcome of the International Maritime Virtual Summit on Crew Changes organized by the United Kingdom, dated 13 July 2020
[http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/COVID%20CL%204204%20adds/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.24%20-%20Coronavirus%20\(Covid-19\)%20-%20Outcome%20Of%20The%20International%20MaritimeVirtual%20Summit%20On%20Crew%20Change.pdf](http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/COVID%20CL%204204%20adds/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.24%20-%20Coronavirus%20(Covid-19)%20-%20Outcome%20Of%20The%20International%20MaritimeVirtual%20Summit%20On%20Crew%20Change.pdf)

- (z) IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.25 – Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Outcome of surveys by ICS and ITF on health protection measures on board ships in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, dated 24 July 2020
[http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/COVID%20CL%204204%20adds/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.25%20-%20Coronavirus%20\(Covid-19\)%20-%20Outcome%20Of%20Surveys%20By%20Ics%20And%20Itf%20OnHealth%20Protection%20Measures.pdf](http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/COVID%20CL%204204%20adds/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.25%20-%20Coronavirus%20(Covid-19)%20-%20Outcome%20Of%20Surveys%20By%20Ics%20And%20Itf%20OnHealth%20Protection%20Measures.pdf)

- (aa) IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.26 – Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Guidance on the gradual and safe resumption of operations of cruise ships in the European Union in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic, dated 03 August 2020
[http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/COVID%20CL%204204%20adds/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.26%20-%20Coronavirus%20\(Covid-19\)%20-%20Guidance%20On%20Cruise%20EU.pdf](http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/COVID%20CL%204204%20adds/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.26%20-%20Coronavirus%20(Covid-19)%20-%20Guidance%20On%20Cruise%20EU.pdf)

- (bb) IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.27 – Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Protocols to mitigate the risks of cases on board ships, dated 26 August 2020
<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.27.pdf>

- (cc) IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.28 – Coronavirus (COVID-19) – WHO guidance to promote public health measures on cargo ships and fishing vessels, dated 26 August 2020
<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.28.pdf>

- (dd) IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.29 – Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Communication from the Secretary-General regarding the crew change crisis, dated 08 September 2020
<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/COVID%20CL%204204%20adds/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.29%20-%20Covid%2019%20-%20Communication%20From%20Secretary-General%20%20Crew%20Change.pdf>

- (ee) IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.30 – Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Joint Statement calling on all Governments to immediately recognize seafarers as key workers, and to take swift and effective action to eliminate obstacles to crew changes, so as to address the humanitarian crisis faced by the shipping sector, ensuring maritime safety and facilitate economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, dated 11 September 2020
<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/COVID%20CL%204204%20adds/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204Add.30%20Joint%20Statement%20Seafarers.pdf>

- (ff) IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.31 – Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Joint Statement on the contribution of international trade and supply chains to a sustainable socio-economic recovery in COVID-19 times, dated 17 September 2020
<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/COVID%20CL%204204%20adds/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.31%20Covid-19-%20Joint%20Statement%20On%20The%20Contribution%20Of%20International%20Trade.pdf>
- (gg) IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.32 – Coronavirus (COVID-19) – ICAO Harmonized guidance on facilitating passenger flights, including repatriation flights, using public health corridors during the COVID-19 pandemic, dated 25 September 2020
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- (hh) IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.33 – Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Joint Statement IMO-UNWTO to support the safe resumption of cruise ship operations following the COVID-19 pandemic, dated 05 November 2020
[https://wwwcdn.imo.org/localresources/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/COVID%20CL%204204%20adds/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.33%20-%20Coronavirus%20\(Covid-19\)%20-%20Joint%20Statement%20Imo-Unwto%20To%20Support%20The%20Safe%20Resumption%20Of%20Cruise.pdf](https://wwwcdn.imo.org/localresources/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/COVID%20CL%204204%20adds/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.33%20-%20Coronavirus%20(Covid-19)%20-%20Joint%20Statement%20Imo-Unwto%20To%20Support%20The%20Safe%20Resumption%20Of%20Cruise.pdf)
- (ii) IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.34 – Coronavirus (COVID-19) – WHO e-learning courses on “Promoting public health measures in response to COVID-19 on cargo ships and fishing vessels” and “Operational considerations for managing COVID-19 cases and outbreaks on board ships”, dated 20 November 2020
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- (jj) IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.35 – Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Designation of seafarers as key workers, dated 14 December 2020
[https://wwwcdn.imo.org/localresources/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/COVID%20CL%204204%20adds/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.35%20-%20Coronavirus%20\(Covid-19\)%20-%20Designation%20Of%20Seafarers%20As%20Key%20Workers.pdf](https://wwwcdn.imo.org/localresources/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/COVID%20CL%204204%20adds/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.35%20-%20Coronavirus%20(Covid-19)%20-%20Designation%20Of%20Seafarers%20As%20Key%20Workers.pdf)
- (kk) IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.36/Rev.1 – Coronavirus (COVID-19) – “No crew change” clauses in charterparties, dated 23 December 2020
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- (ll) IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.37 – Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Third video meeting for Port State Control (PSC) regimes on harmonized actions at the time of pandemic of Covid-19, dated 22 December 2020
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