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HEALTH CONTROL MEASURES THAT MUST BE TAKEN IN TURKISH STRAITS

Vessels which arriving from the foreign port must send the Maritime Declaration of Health ('**Declaration**') by showing the last health status on the vessel online through the website of Turkish Republic Ministry of Health ([Link:https://www.hssgm.gov.tr/onlineislemler/DenizSaglikBildirimGiris.aspx](https://www.hssgm.gov.tr/onlineislemler/DenizSaglikBildirimGiris.aspx)) or e-mailing to addresses of The Health Inspection Center of Turkish Straits ('**Center**') given below:

For Istanbul Straits : mailto: rumelifeneri@hssgm.gov.tr

For Dardanelles Straits: mailto: canakkale@hssgm.gov.tr

If the vessels cannot send the Declaration electronically, they should give these declarations to the paramedics during the health control at the entrance of the Straits before receiving the harbor pilot. Additionally, Crew List, Passenger List (if there are passengers on board), Cargo Manifest, Tonnage Certificate should be given in full to the paramedics during the health control.

The declaration is carefully examined by the relevant Center and as a result of the risk assessment, the vessel that are deemed suitable for public health are allowed to take pilot, change personnel, discharge the patient and contact with the land.

If it is determined that there is a public health hazard on the ship in the risk assessment, Vessel Traffic Services are immediately being informed of the status by informing that the pilot whom will be on board must use personal protective equipment and medical masks and gloves.

In the event that there are passengers or crew on board matching the possible case of 2019-nCov findings and if the case is requested to be discharged from the vessel the case will be transferred to the appropriate hospital provided by the Traffic Service.

Respectfully submitted,

Kind Regards,

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