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Advisory Procedures to Shipping Lines/Agents on Coronavirus (COVID-19) for the Port of Mombasa

We wish to assure our customers that following the outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19), which the World Health Organization declared a pandemic, we have put in place measures to protect port users.

As we undertake these COVID-19 preparedness initiatives, we have made deliberate efforts to ensure that our operations and services are not interrupted. Further to these, there has not been any vessel that has been denied entry at the Port of Mombasa.

Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) wishes to clarify to the shipping lines/agents that in addition to the procedures on preparedness for COVID -19 circulated on 8th February 2020, all vessels coming from high risk countries will be inspected at the quayside. The following declarations MUST be submitted to Port Health office - Kilindini Sea Port Mombasa, via email phealthkil@yahoo.com within 48 hours before notice of readiness/arrival (NOR).

- Maritime Declaration of health form
- Crew list
- Voyage memo (last ten ports)
- Valid ship control/exemption certificate.

All ships will commence operations after issuance of Certificate of Free Pratique, and access to restricted areas/ships' accommodation deck will not be allowed to any unauthorized persons.

We, therefore urge the shipping lines/agents on behalf of their principals to adhere to the agreed port guidelines on COVID-19 preparedness and advise ship masters accordingly.

KPA, on its part, will continue planning for scheduled vessels, provide the usual online services while engaging the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), transit markets and other agencies on how to effect online clearance processes for ships.

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