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MEMO

Potential Risk of Infection Onboard Tug & Barge (TB)

Asalam Sejahtera and Good Day to all members and associates of MPM!

In view of the current development of the Covid-19 pandemic and assessment made based on reports received from members, new potential threat of infection deemed to exist when pilots is assigned onboard a Tug and Barge for pilotage assignment.

These tugs and barges amongst others trades between small ports in the **Sumatera, Kalimantan, Java** and ports in **Malaysia**, including **Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah** and **Sarawak**. Many other tugboats and barges do trades between ports in Malaysia only. In addition, in the offshore oil industry in the **South East Asia** region, ocean tugboats and offshore supply tugboats trades between oil rigs / oil exploration fields and ports in **Malaysia** including **Brunei, Singapore** and **Indonesia**.

In the Tug & Barges operation, where the respective pilot will position himself on the tug boat, it was reported and discovered that the Bridge Team members of the tugboats does not observe the recommendation as outlined in the *Recommendation of Standard Operation Protection Against Covid-19 for Maritime Pilots in Malaysia-paragraph 4.0* issued by MPM on the **16th August 2020**, which requires all Bridge Team members to wear a facemask so as to cover both the mouth and nose completely.

All member pilots are strongly advised to observe the importance of ensuring all Bridge Team members in the respective tugboat to wear a face mask as a health security measures to prevent and contain Covid-19 infection. Any Master or crew members who failed to obliged or comply as required must be reported to the Traffic Controller and a report must be emailed to secretariat@mpmhq.org.my accordingly.



Unless all the Bridge Team members comply and wear a facemask, the assigning pilot reserves the rights to reinstate *Health Safety Protection* and may refuse pilotage.

Associates members and partners from the shipping industry are advised to share this memo to the Masters of tug & barges for strict compliance.

Please protect **YOURSELF** and your **FAMILY MEMBERS** including **ANY OTHER PERSONS** surrounding us to contain Covid-19 infection!

Thank you!

Yours faithfully,

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References:

All documentation related to Covid-19 can be downloaded from www.mpmhq.org.my
For any further enquiry, please email secretariat@mpmhq.org.my

This memo has been shared to all important parties including *Ministry of Transport Malaysia (MOT), Marine Department Malaysia (MARDEP), Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH), Malaysia Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA), port authorities, port operators, ship owner associations and owners, shipping agencies, ship managers.*