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RECENT COVID-19 NEWS REGARDING PILOTAGE SERVICES IN TURKEY

We Vitsan AS, as a P&I Club Correspondent in Turkey, wish to inform you that due to increased Covid-19 cases in Turkey, new precautionary measurements and restrictions announced by the Government which are in force since 01 December 2020. In line with restrictions, the Ministry of Transportation and Communication of Turkey has announced new precautionary measurements with regard to pilotage services in Turkey on 10 December 2020.

As per the article announced by the Ministry, following precautions should be provided and followed by the Pilot Stations and the vessels during the pilotage in Turkey:-

- 1-The precautions and decisions taken by the Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Health has to be followed.
- 2-The shifts have to be arranged by decreasing the number of pilot on duty in order to minimize the risk of infections.
- 3-Precautions have to be taken in order not to meet the pilots together. If this could not be provided and during the shift changes, necessary precautions have to be taken in order to minimize the risk of infections.
- 4-The stations, accommodations, vehicles and pilot boats have always to be disinfected.
- 5-The personal protective equipment has to be provided for pilots and the equipment has to be disposed of after use.
- 6-The health and cleaning rules have to be followed which is published by the Ministry of health.
- 7-The pilotage organizations should deliver the educational guides published by Ministry of Health to the pilots.
- 8-Prior embarkation of pilot, the disinfection of bridges have to be provided through the agents.

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9-All ventilations on bridge of the vessel have to be closed.

10-External ladders around the accommodation have to be used while going up or down to the bridge.

11-The pilotage service has to be given as much as possible at the wings of the bridge.

12-Considering safe navigation of the vessel, minimum crew member has to be assigned on bridge and no watch hand over to be made and it must be provided for all crew members to use protective equipment and the distance between the pilot and crew members has to be at least 2 meters.

13-If pilots notice any symptoms on a crew member (cough, weakness, etc), they will immediately inform the relevant Port Authority. Then, the Port Authority to inform the General Directorate of Health for Borders and Coasts and provide for the pilot and crew member to be checked from health control.

14-The Master-Pilot exchange forms and other documents showing the services given have to be completed as much as possible on electronic media and if this is not possible in order to minimize the risk of infection, the necessary precautions have to be taken on the Office materials by the pilotage organizations and agents.

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