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Announcement* covering the Scheldt Shipping Area

(*hereinafter referred to by the Dutch acronym "BASS")

Navigational area: Joint Nautical Authority navigational area - Scheldt ports - Belgian coastal ports
Description: Measures regarding Covid-19 Coronavirus

This BASS is accompanied by two annexes

The Joint Nautical Authority hereby announces that:

In response to the Covid-19 Coronavirus outbreak, the following measures are imposed.

In accordance with international legislation all ships must submit a **Maritime Declaration of Health (MDH)**, both incoming and outgoing.

In Belgium the competent authority for overseeing this is Saniport, while in the Netherlands it is GGD.

Maritime Declaration of Health (MDH):

All incoming ships must submit a Maritime Declaration of Health (MDH) 24 hours before entering port in which the ship's master declares whether there are any cases of illness or suspected cases on board. The declaration must also include a list of the last 10 ports called at. The ship will be checked for this by the appropriate health authority appointed by the government, depending on the destination port.

All outgoing ships must submit an MDH if there has been any change in the health situation compared with the situation when entering port.

A- Reaction to the MDH by the competent health authority:

If the answer "yes" is given to even just one of the questions in the MDH, then the contact details of the ship and/or ship's master must be given. The MDH must also be uploaded into the port system and will be sent automatically to:

- a- SANIPOINT, for ships bound for a Belgian port or anchorage.
- b- GGD Zeeland, for ships bound for a Dutch port or anchorage.
- c- The MDHs must *not* be sent to the Joint Nautical Authority (the JNA is not authorised to deal with them).

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B- After reaction by the relevant health authority, the relevant Scheldt ports will be notified whether:

- a- The ship will be accepted and can continue on to its destination port or leave its anchorage, possibly subject to conditions;
- b- The ship will not be accepted and cannot continue on to its destination port or leave its anchorage, with reasons being given.

C- Scheldt ports

- a- The decision on the MDH (allowed to proceed yes/no) must be processed by the Joint Nautical Authority in its IVS, or by the Dutch ports in their port systems.
- b- The information (allowed to proceed yes/no) will then be passed on to the other computer systems in the chain of navigation.

D- Measures for ships that come under the acceptance situation mentioned in paragraph B-b above:

- a- A ship that does not have permission to proceed to its destination port must anchor (or remain anchored) at one of the pilotage stations.
- b- Any quarantine period imposed by the competent health authority must be respected.
- c- On completion of the quarantine period a new MDH must be submitted and will be assessed in accordance with A-a and A-b above.

E- Partners in the navigational chain:

- a- The partners in the navigational chain (Joint Nautical Authority, pilotage services, service providers etc.) must be informed of the decision on the MDH as mentioned under B-a above.

F- Pilotage services:

- a- No pilots will be sent as passengers on any ships mentioned under B above.
- b- Pilots may not travel on ships to other ports. (See also BASS 40-2020 concerning additional measures for outbreaks of Coronavirus pursuant to Joint Announcement 03-2018 - Remote pilotage for storm conditions).

G- Announcement of new or amended measures regarding COVID-19 Coronavirus:



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- a- The measures announced in this BASS are subject to situational change.
- b- If there is any change in the situation then a new BASS will be issued.
- c- Attached to this BASS are measures to be taken by crews, pilots and other service providers.

This announcement is valid until 1 July 2020.

If an extension is necessary then it will be announced in due course.

BASS 045-2020 with its annexes is hereby superseded.

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