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1. The intended vessel should be free from new on-signers within 14 days prior to berthing.
2. The vessel should obtain routine health clearance for berthing by submitting the necessary documents.
3. Once berthed entire crew should undergo PCR testing for COVID-19 onboard
4. The test results should be shared with the Port Health Officer (PHO) Colombo Port and PHO will grant permission to initiate the repair work if all crew is negative for COVID-19 PCR test.
5. A minimum number of local personnel (maximum 10) should be exposed to the essential members of the foreign crew.
6. These local personnel should be kept unchanged until completion of the repair work and their details should be sent to the PHO in the given format.
7. The locals who have contacts with the foreign crew should always maintain preventive measures including, wearing recommended PPE, physical distance of at least 1 meter, frequent hand washing/sanitizing, avoiding public transport and public places as much as possible.
8. It is the responsibility of the Yard management to ensure that the crew is confined to the vessel accommodations and no locals have contact with foreign crew other than with designated crew required to be contacted for repair work.
9. The entire crew should undergo temperature checking and recording twice daily by the master or any other assigned officer of the crew.
10. A Health Status Report (HSR) of the vessel along with the temperature records should be e mailed to the PHO –Colombo port every 48 hours (colomboportlk@gmail.com)
11. Any person who is having a symptom suggestive of COVID-19 should be informed to the PHO immediately
12. The second PCR test of the crew should be carried out 10-12 days of the initial test and results should be E mailed to PHO–Colombo Port

13. The crew of the vessels which complete repair work before 10th day of arrival should undergo PCR testing before leaving the Yard.
14. It can be considered to relax the clauses 5 and 8 once the second PCR test is negative for all crew of the vessel
15. In case of having a crew with a positive PCR results for the first test, the person should be isolated and the PHO should be informed immediately and PHO will coordinate to evacuate the suspected crew to send to a designated hospital.
16. In such a situation the approval for commencement of repair work will be granted after assessing the situation case by case Basis. The final decision will be taken by Director Quarantine on the recommendation of the Port Health Medical Officer
17. In case of detecting a positive case at the second PCR test, in addition to the above the local contacts of the crew may need to send for quarantine depending on the situation.
18. Crew changes (if there is any) can be allowed just before the sailing after completion of the job.
19. All the cost incurred due to any procedure mentioned above should be borne by the Colombo Dockyard PLC.
20. In addition to above, health authorities will advise the Colombo Dockyard PLC and will take necessary action as and when necessary.