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1. Currently preventive measures have been taken to prevent COVID-19 being introduced to the country via vessel operations in Sri Lanka. This include limiting number of personnel getting onboard, wearing recommended Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for essential boarding and instructing all stakeholders to strictly adhere to the guidelines assuming that any vessel can have Covid-19 infected crew.
2. The free pratique for oil tankers shall be issued as practiced in other vessels. There is no requirement to perform Covid-19 PCR testing for crew of oil tanker vessels as a requirement to issue free pratique or to start operations.
3. The mooring masters, loading masters and other crew members should wear recommended Personal Protective Equipment, maintain physical distance and practice regular hand sanitizing during the operations in the oil tanker.
4. They should minimize contact with the vessel crew and be accommodated in separate cabins when on board the vessel.
5. Meals should be provided as portion packs at the entrance of the cabin.
6. There should be no cabin cleaning service by vessel crew and cleaning should be done by inmates themselves.
7. There should be two groups of the professionals (Mooring masters and Loading masters) and one group can work 14-30 days continuously and shall be accommodated at a dedicated premises during this period.
8. At the completion of the above work cycle they should be sent for home quarantine for 14 days and should undergo PCR test at day 10 -12.