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CAPTAIN OF THE PORT (COTP) ORDER 2020-0090, MEDICAL CAPABILITY AND EVACUATION, DISEMBARKATION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

By the authority of the Ports and Waterways Safety Act, 46 U.S.C. § 70002, and Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 160, vested in me as the Captain of the Port (COTP), your vessel is directed to adhere to the following planning and reporting requirements while operating in the Sector Houston-Galveston COTP zone.

Your vessel meets the operating criteria of a vessel identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as presenting an inherent and unacceptable risk of spreading the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) infection aboard, which endangers the safety of the vessel and the United States at large. Based on the potential for the presence of COVID-19 onboard your vessel, I have determined your vessel is operating with a hazardous condition as defined in Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 160.202. Moreover, I have determined your vessel poses an unacceptable risk of medical emergency due to the inherent and high probability of transmission of COVID-19 aboard, which presents a risk to the safety of the personnel aboard your vessel, first responders, and the port.

Within 48 hours of receipt of this order, you shall submit a medical plan that outlines your onboard capabilities and equipment to screen, isolate, quarantine and treat individuals with influenza like illness (ILIs) or COVID-19. This plan shall include, but is not limited to, details regarding your onboard medical staffing levels, screening/testing capabilities, means to isolate persons potentially exposed to COVID-19, means to quarantine persons suspected to have COVID-19, means to complete medical screening of all persons to be embarked or disembarked, means to protect outside persons, such as state pilots, from potential exposure to COVID-19, and availability of on-site medical treatment of persons with ILIs or COVID-19.

Additionally, this medical plan shall account for the evacuation of critically-ill persons utilizing commercial resources (i.e. ship tender, chartered standby vessel, chartered airlift, chartered ambulance) and a designated medical facility that has agreed to accept such evacuees. This plan must outline proposed routes of transport from the vessel to the receiving medical facility, identifying receiving docks or facilities passed through while en-route. This plan should include

a Letter of Intent, or other documentation demonstrating an existing agreement, with a commercial resource to complete the safe and efficient medical evacuation and treatment of critically-ill persons aboard your vessel. Moreover, your medical plan shall include procedures and arrangements for the following: means to diagnose critically-ill persons in consultation with specialists from the Centers of Disease Control and Galveston County Health District; means to notify federal, state, and local port authorities of critically-ill persons aboard the vessel; means to comply with all requirements of the State Governor's Executive Order GA-11, including means to effect a 14-day quarantine; and, if transporting critically-ill persons, your plan must also include details regarding the transportation of such persons from your vessel to shore and for their safe transit through port facilities. Your plan must be submitted and accepted by me prior to conducting the medical evacuation or disembarkation of persons with an ILI or COVID-19. While operating within the COTP zone, you must provide medical care, conduct medical evacuations and disembarkations in accordance with the accepted plans.

Prior to arrival in U.S. territorial seas, and at all times while operating within U.S. territorial seas, you must report hazardous conditions in accordance with 33 CFR § 160.216. Additionally, you shall continue to provide daily report of ILI symptoms for all persons aboard to Marine Safety Unit Texas City in accordance with Coast Guard Marine Safety Information Bulletin 06-20. Daily reports shall be sent to Marine Safety Unit Texas City via e-mail at inspectionmsutexas@uscg.mil. If you intend to disembark critically ill personnel in accordance with your plan or if there are any requests for emergency assistance immediately notify the Sector Houston-Galveston Command Center via VHF channel 16 or by phone at (281) 464-4855.

Failure to comply with this order may result in civil and criminal penalties as outlined below and/or your vessel being denied entry into or ordered to leave the territorial waters of the United States.

All requested information must be sent to me within the given timelines. Medical plans shall be sent to Marine Safety Unit Texas City via email at inspectionmsutexas@uscg.mil. You must notify the Sector Houston-Galveston Command Center to request this order be rescinded and to provide any amplifying information that would justify its rescission.

PENALTY FOR VIOLATING THIS ORDER

Section 70036 of Title 46 United States Code provides for penalties to any person who violates this order. The statute authorizes a maximum civil penalty in the amount of \$25,000, as adjusted by the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990, as amended, for each day of a continuing violation. The statute further states that:

“Any vessel that is used in violation of subchapter A, B, or C or this subchapter, or any regulations issued under such subchapter, shall be liable in rem for any civil penalty assessed pursuant to subsection (a) and may be proceeded against in the United States district court for any district in which such vessel may be found”

A willful and knowing violation of this order may also be tried as a Class D felony.

APPEAL OF THIS ORDER

Should you be aggrieved by this order, you may appeal under the procedures described in 33 CFR § 160.7, and request reconsideration orally or in writing to me directly. Should you be further aggrieved, appeal orally or in writing through this office to the Commander, Eighth District. However, if the appeal is made orally, a written submission is required within five days of the oral presentation. While any request or appeal is pending, all provisions of this order remain in effect.

COAST GUARD POINT OF CONTACT FOR THIS ORDER

All questions pertaining to this order may be directed to the Sector Houston-Galveston Command Center at (281) 464-4855.

TERMINATION OF THIS ORDER

This order will remain in effect until rescinded by me in writing. The Sector Houston-Galveston Command Center will inform you when I have issued the rescission order.

Sincerely,



K. D. ODITT
Captain, U. S. Coast Guard
Captain of the Port
Sector Houston-Galveston

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