

## **MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO. 60 OF 2009**

### **(Miscellaneous Information)**

#### **Health Measures on Infectious Disease for Vessels Arriving Hong Kong**

In view of confirmed human cases of Swine Influenza A/H1N1 have been reported in many parts of the world including Hong Kong, and to assist in preventing the spread of the infectious disease in Hong Kong, the following measures will be introduced for all vessels with immediate effect.

- (a.) Any crew members or passengers who, in the past 7 days, have visited affected areas or have contact with persons with suspected or confirmed Human Swine Influenza and are feeling unwell, especially having a fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, headache, muscle aches, vomiting or diarrhea, master shall inform the Port Health Officer on duty Tel: 2543 1702 Fax: 28936747 via your agent for further assessment.
- (b.) According to Section 6 of the Prevention and Control of Disease Regulation (Cap. 599A), if the operator of a cross-boundary vessel has reason to suspect that there exists on board the vessel a case or source of any infectious disease or contamination, including Human Swine Influenza, it is the duty of the operator to notify the Port Health Office immediately.
- (c.) Vessels must declare on item 17 (for convention vessels) and item 18 (for local vessels) of their Pre-arrival notice to the Marine Department if there exists onboard a case or suspected that there exists onboard a case of Human Swine Influenza.
- (d.) In case a vessel has a suspected case of an infectious disease, including Human Swine Influenza on board, the exemption for port health clearance previously granted will be declared null and void. The vessel will need to proceed to the Western Quarantine Anchorage or the Eastern Quarantine Anchorage for port health clearance and health advice by Port Health Officer of the Department of Health.

2. The list of affected areas with confirmed Human Swine Influenza is regularly updated at the Centre of Health Protection website at [www.chp.gov.hk](http://www.chp.gov.hk).
3. This Notice supersedes Marine Department Notices No.39, 44 and 61 of 2003.

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