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Please find attached our periodic circular to clubs, members and those companies related to the maritime business.

## **Venepandi´s Circular – 057 Coronavirus ( 2109-nCoV ) Precaution measures at Venezuela**

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In Venezuela there is no particular regulation to treat cases of Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) .

VENEPANDI, C.A. made an investigation at the level of local clinics and the College of Physicians in Caracas, from which it was known that any attention to the patient, and in our case a ship's crewmember, will be treated according to regulations suggested by international standards.

In consideration of the aforementioned, We will only give our notice below, following the letter, as suggested by the IMO for Seafarers and Shipping Companies, and which also applies to what is suggested by the INEA in Venezuela (National Institute for Spaces Aquatic) in its bulletin number 4.

In the event of a suspected diagnosis of Coronavirus 2019-nCoV infection onboard a ship, seek immediate expert medical opinion. The master should report the event as soon as possible to the next port of call, to allow the competent authority at the port to arrange, depending on the situation, medical evacuation or special arrangements for disembarkation and hospitalization of the patient and laboratory diagnosis. In addition, consider implementing the following list of measures onboard the ship when a crew member or passenger shows symptoms compatible with the disease:

- Keep the patient's cabin doors closed, if not placed in a medical isolation room on board.

- Provide information about the risk of disease transmission to persons who will take care of the patient or enter the isolation area.
- Maintain a log listing everybody who enter the cabin.
- Anyone who enters the cabin to provide care to the person in isolation or to clean the cabin must wear appropriate personal protection equipment (PPE). A surgical protection mask is particularly important.
- Limit the movement and transport of the patient from the cabin for essential purposes only. If transport is necessary, the patient should wear a surgical mask.
- Start case investigation immediately. Wear appropriate PPE when interviewing the patient.
- Identify the patient's close contacts and ask them to do passive self-monitoring of any symptoms.

At the request of a government port health authority, it may be necessary to provide information on passengers' itinerary and their contact details. Ships may also have to complete and deliver the Maritime Declaration of Health as per Annex 8 of the [International Health Regulations](#) (IHR). Measures taken on board should be noted on the Ship Sanitation Control Certificate (IHR Annex 3). And further requirements requested by INEA.