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Subj: ATTESTATION OF HAZARDOUS CONDITION FOR M/V _____

An outbreak of respiratory illness caused by novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is affecting mariners and maritime commerce. The U.S. Coast Guard has determined that the potential spread of COVID-19 from infected crew and passenger presents a hazardous condition which may affect the safety of the vessel, other vessels in the port and the port itself. Failure to immediately report hazardous conditions to the COTP is a violation of federal regulation (33 C.F.R. § 160.216) and may result in civil penalties, vessel detention, or criminal prosecution.

Prior to clearance for entry into a U.S. port, contact the nearest Coast Guard Sector Command Center and the Vessel Masters must confirm that no COVID-19 related hazardous conditions are present on the vessel by truthfully attesting to the below statements. If any of the below conditions are present aboard the vessel the Master must immediately report them to the nearest COTP. Please immediately remit this attestation to the COTP in the zone from which you received it. When arriving to the Sector Houston-Galveston COTP zone, this attestation must go to all of the following email addresses: D08-SMB-VTSHouston-Targeting@uscg.mil and inspectionsmsutexas@uscg.mil.

- 1) I _____, Master of the vessel _____, hereby attest that there are NO passengers or crew aboard this vessel that are or have exhibited one or more COVID-19 or other flu-like symptoms in the past 14 days. A list of symptoms can be found in Maritime Safety Information Broadcast 06-20.

Initial and Date here only if this statement is true

- 2) I _____, Master of the vessel _____, hereby attest that there are NO passengers or crew aboard this vessel that have been to Iran, China (excluding Hong Kong and Macau), the Schengen area, the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland, or the Federal Republic of Brazil in the past 14 days.

Initial and Date here only if this statement is true

Persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The requirement to immediately report hazardous conditions is an OMB approved collection assigned number 1625-0100. This attestation is not "information" as that term is defined in 5 CFR 1320.3(h).

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- 3) I _____, Master of the vessel _____, hereby attest that there are NO passengers or crew aboard this vessel that have been in contact with another person who has been to Iran, China (excluding Hong Kong and Macau), the Schengen area, the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland, or the Federal Republic of Brazil in the past 14 days or another person exhibiting flu-like symptoms within the past 14 days.

Initial and Date here only if this statement is true

I have truthfully attested to the above statements.

Master's Name

Date

NOTICE: Providing false official statements is a violation 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and may result in criminal prosecution.

Enclosure: (1) Maritime Safety Information Bulletin 06-20