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**TO: LABOUR AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
ALL MEMBERS & ASSOCIATE MEMBERS
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UPDATED SINGAPORE CREW CHANGE GUIDEBOOK INCORPORATING REVISED REQUIREMENTS AND MEASURES FOR CARGO SHIPS IN SINGAPORE PORT

Action required: Members are invited to note that the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore has updated the crew change requirements for cargo ships in the Port of Singapore with effect from 19 June 2020.

ICS has kindly been advised by the Singapore Shipowners Association that the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) has updated the crew change requirements for cargo ships in the Port of Singapore with effect from 19 June 2020. In view of the development, the Singapore Crew Change Working Group (SCCWG) has revised the Singapore Crew Change Guidebook (SCCG) to incorporate these changes

MPA has designated two facilities to accommodate crew who are unable to transfer directly to his/her vessel or flight and require a temporary rest area of up to 48 hours. This means that ships, after signing off its crew and obtaining port clearance, need not remain in port until the sign-off crew have departed Singapore. Ship managers/agents shall be responsible for ensuring that the crew change is effected according to MPA's requirements.

The two designated holding facilities - POSH BAWEAN and Seacare Hotel will have to comply with a list of conditions stipulated by MPA for it to receive bookings. Depending on demand, MPA may impose a quota and/or a prioritisation framework.

In addition, to facilitate crew signing off in Singapore, technology such as tele-medicine consultations can be used to obtain a fit-to-travel certificate.

Members are advised to refer to the updated [SCCG](#) and MPA's Marine Port Circular [PMC 27 of 2020](#) on updated crew change requirements by clicking on the hyperlinks.

For more information on the holding facilities, please refer to the details below:

1) **Accommodation Vessel “POSH BAWEAN”:**

[https://www.ssa.org.sg/images/ssa/pdf/POSH%20Bawean%202020%20\(With%20Rates\).pdf](https://www.ssa.org.sg/images/ssa/pdf/POSH%20Bawean%202020%20(With%20Rates).pdf)

For reservations, please email reservations@paccoffshore.com.sg

2) **Seacare Hotel:**

<https://theseacarehotel.com.sg/en/>

For reservations, please email reservations@theseacarehotel.com.sg

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