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Subject	: COVID 19 Vaccination for Seafarers	

BACKGROUND - IMO RECOMMENDATION

The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the international Maritime Organization (IMO) has highlighted the need for seafarers to be given priority access to COVID-19 vaccines, recognizing the unique and essential work of seafarers for international shipping and for the world. Member States are also recommended to consider exempting seafarers from any national policy requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination as a condition for entry, taking into account that seafarers should be designated as "key workers", as they travel across borders frequently.

The resolution recognizes the need to protect seafarers through vaccination, as soon as possible, to facilitate their safe movement across borders; while also noting the limited and highly uneven access to COVID-19 vaccines around the world, and highlights the importance of cooperation among the countries. The resolution also invites Member States, international organizations, shipping companies and other stakeholders to inform seafarers about the safety and possible benefits of the COVID-19 vaccination, bearing in mind that taking the vaccination is a decision made on an individual basis.

PRACTICAL COVID-19 VACCINATIONS IMPLEMENTATION

However in the other hand it is important to also note that most of our Principals might in near future inform vaccination status will become a requirement to work on board, considered as a high-risk area, whereby seafarers who haven't been fully vaccinated may be deemed as 'unfit' and cannot be placed on board for safety and health consideration.

Aside from the requirement we also need to understand how important to protect our seafarer against COVID-19 where some of them were not surviving due to this virus while serving on/off board.

In order to support our Principals in creating safe and healthy working environment on board, we as of now need to ensure that our seafarers who will be deployed, had been fully vaccinated (1st and 2nd dose), unless required differently by the Principal. We need to emphasize our seafarers and work hand in hand together to cut off the transmission of COVID-19 by implementing vaccinations.

We appreciate all your cooperation and support to ensure the operations activity are continued in healthy



and safe manner.

Based on ICS guidelines and internal circular no. 3 issued on August 3rd,2021 (above information), EBU has made it mandatory for seafarers to be fully vaccinated against COVID 19 prior to next assignment to join ship after January 1st , 2022.

The rationale given by relevant shipping bodies is that in the present scenario of a global pandemic, the variants of COVID 19 virus are highly contagious, and vaccination will protect both, the seafarer and people coming in contact with them. It is likely that this will also be required by many states, where ships trade or flies the flag of, as well as by many charterers.

It is seafarer's responsibility to ensure that they are fully vaccinated (single dose of Janssen or double dose of the other approved vaccine brands, along with applicable booster dose). For cases where vaccination is not readily available, or where assistance is required to expedite the process , EBU should try to render all feasible assistance, to help expedite the process, as practicable.

For any seafarer who is not fully vaccinated, approval to join next vessel will be given only as per Principal's decision in extreme cases on case-by-case basis. Such approval must be taken from senior management. Any seafarer facing such possibility, should contact respective Section Heads soonest. Request for such case-by-case approvals maybe sent through routine communication channels.

Seafarer should also complete booster dose, as and when available.

The COVID-19 Booster Vaccine in Indonesia began on January 12, 2022 and is given to all people 18 years of age and over with priority for the elderly and immunocompromised patients.

Difference between Primary and Booster Vaccinations:

Primary Vaccination:

Main dose vaccination to provide immunity/immunity against COVID-19 disease for a certain period of time.
Administered Homologous (vaccine types 1 and 2 are the same)

Booster Vaccinations:

Vaccination after a person gets a complete dose of primary vaccine, aims to maintain the level of immunity and extend the period of protection. Given Homologous and Heterology

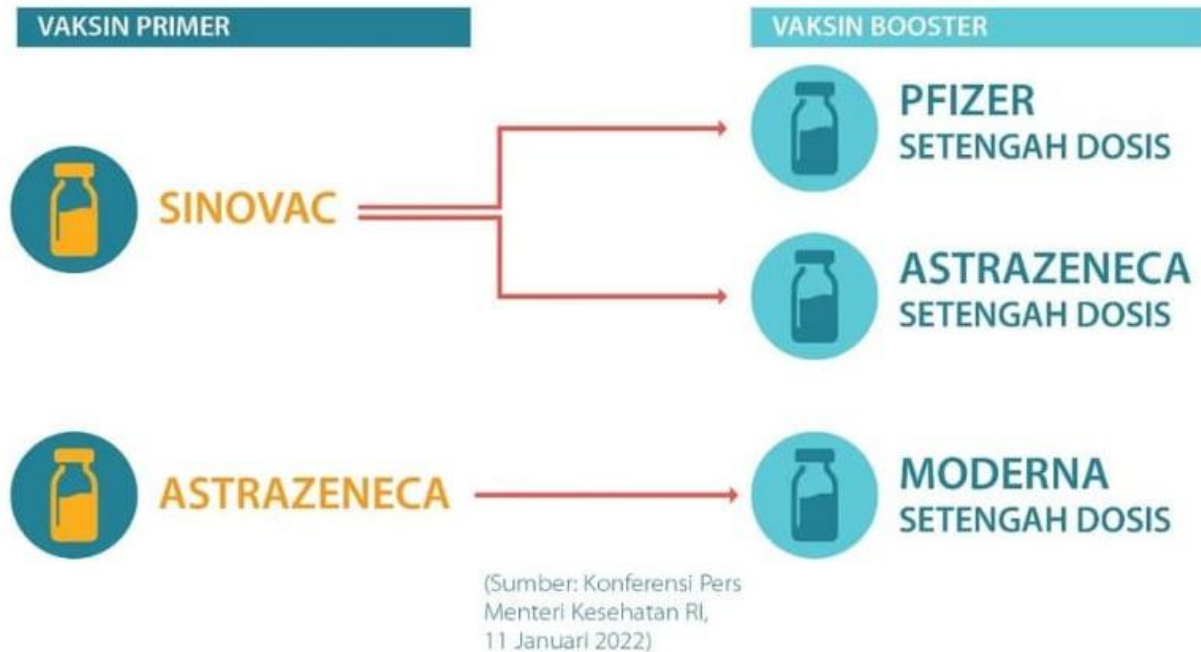
5 MERK VAKSIN BOOSTER



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UPDATE: JENIS VAKSIN BOOSTER

UNTUK PEMBERIAN VAKSIN BOOSTER TAHAP AWAL, JANUARI 2022



For Previously infected seafarers, where some countries give a six months' fitness certificate to sail without vaccination due to presence of antibodies, such seafarers will need to give an undertaking prior next assignment that they be willing to be vaccinated onboard if their stay exceeds said six months.

Please get in touch with seafarers well in advance and ensure above is complied prior next sign on.