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To:
All shipping agents
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Ministry of Health
Zakat & Tax Customs Authority

Subject: The procedure for dealing with requests to supply ships with medications in Saudi ports

Within the cooperation between Saudi Ports Authority and the Ministry of Health on developing and updating the service of providing medical services for ship crews and the procedure for supplying ships with the necessary medications in addition to the procedure for receiving expired medications, and accepting all cases.

The Ministry of Health selected the procedures for dealing with the requests to supply ships with medications in Saudi ports as follows:

1. The captain of the ship must prepare a declaration which includes the names of medications required, the doses, the amount, in addition to ships' data (name of ship, IMO number, the flag, the ship's weight, weight and type of cargo, number of crew, list of the ports contacted within the past (30) days and the next destination, expected duration of the trip, and the nature of work expected to be conducted onboard during the trip).
2. The shipping agent receives the declaration from the captain and deliver it to the health control center at the port for review and approval.
3. The health control center ensures the declaration qualifies under the international standards and approve it.
4. The shipping agent coordinate with pharmaceutical and medical equipment companies to purchase the medications requested in the approved declaration, and coordinate with the concerned entities in the port to allow entry of the medications and loading it onboard.

Approved for implementation and informing all shipping lines affiliated.

Saudi Ports Authority

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- A photocopy to their Excellencies the Vice Presidents
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- A photocopy to the Control and Inspection General Directorate