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Our Ref: Crew change issue during Covid-19

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Dear Colleagues,

You will be aware of the current crew-change problem afflicting our industry as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

IMPA is a partner with Industry in trying to press Governments to permit ships crews to return home. As a result, it was agreed by Shipowners, Port operators and other stakeholders like ourselves that we should encourage ships to sound their whistle/horn/siren at 1200 local on Wednesday 8th July as a way of reminding governments not to forget the crew change issue.

The UK government plans to host an international ministerial level summit meeting on 9th July to address the crew change issue. Members are encouraged to use this sounding on Wednesday 8th July as a media hook the day before to highlight this summit in the mainstream media and to increase pressure on governments to act.

IMPA strongly supports this campaign for ships which are in a Port/approaches, as long as it is safe to do so and in compliance with local regulations.

Thank you and good wishes!

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