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**M S Notice No. 22 of 2014**

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**Subject:- Personal protective equipment - Ebola virus disease – Reg.**

1. The Directorate issued M S Notice No.19 of 2014 on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 enclosing the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Circular Letter No.3484 dated 2nd September, 2014 on the subject of Ebola virus disease. M.S. Notice No. 21 dated 14.11.2014 was issued subsequently enclosing IMO Circular Letter No. 3485 dated 10.09.2014 regarding full and effective implementation of maritime security measures to assist in preventing the spread of the Ebola virus disease.
2. IMO has thereafter issued Circular Letter No.3497 dated 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2014, regarding use of personal protective equipment (PPE) to minimize risks to seafarers, passengers and others on board ships from the Ebola virus disease. Copy of the same is enclosed herewith.
3. Indian ships are required to take note of the contents of the Circular and implement them as applicable depending on the threat perception as per the individual case.
4. Other organizations including FOSMA/MASSA, the Seafarers Unions, Ports etc., are also advised to take note of the contents of the IMO Circular and implement them (as applicable) for the benefit of maritime community at large.
5. This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

  
(Capt K.P. Jayakumar)

Dy. Nautical Adviser to the Government of India

**Encl:** IMO Circular Letter No.3497 dated 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2014. (One page)

To

Concerned

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4. The Shipping Master/ The Seamen's Welfare Officer, Mumbai/Kolkata/Chennai
5. FOSMA/MASSA/ICCSA/MUI/NUSI/FSUI/IPA.
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Circular Letter No.3497  
7 November 2014

To: All IMO Member States  
Intergovernmental organizations  
Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with IMO

Subject: **Personal protective equipment – Ebola virus disease**

### Introduction

1 The purpose of this circular is to provide updated World Health Organization (WHO) information and guidance on the safe and effective use of personal protective equipment (PPE) to minimize risks to seafarers, passengers and others on board ships from the Ebola virus disease (EVD).

2 The updated guidelines aim to clarify and standardize safe and effective PPE options to protect healthcare workers and patients, as well as provide information for the procurement of PPE in the current Ebola outbreak. The guidelines are based on a review of evidence of PPE use during care of suspected and confirmed Ebola virus disease patients.

### Use of personal protective equipment

3 WHO experts agree that it is important to have PPE that protects the mouth, nose and eyes from contaminated droplets and fluids. Given that hands are known to transmit pathogens to other parts of the body, as well as to other individuals, hand hygiene and gloves are essential, both to protect individuals and to prevent transmission to others. Face cover, protective foot wear, gowns or coveralls and head cover were also considered essential to prevent transmission to healthcare workers.

### Guidance available

4 The WHO Rapid advice guideline: personal protective equipment in the context of Filovirus Disease Outbreak Response (Filovirus includes Ebola) provides the latest advice and can be found at: [www.who.int/csr/resources/publications/ebola/ppe-guideline/en/](http://www.who.int/csr/resources/publications/ebola/ppe-guideline/en/). This advice updates that contained in Circular Letter No.3484, annex.

5 General information on EVD and related guidance can be found at:

[www.who.int/csr/disease/ebola/en](http://www.who.int/csr/disease/ebola/en)  
[www.imo.org/Mediacentre/HotTopics/ebola](http://www.imo.org/Mediacentre/HotTopics/ebola)  
[www.ics-shipping.org/ebola-information](http://www.ics-shipping.org/ebola-information)

WHO International Health Regulations  
WHO Guide to ship sanitation  
International Medical Guide for Ships.