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Ms. Megan Gobey
Chairman of SAASOA
All Shipping Agents

Dear Ms. Gobey and Shipping Agents

PROCEDURE FOR HEALTH RISK ALERT ON COVID-19

South Africa is currently reporting a sustained increase in positive Covid-19 cases and fatalities as new and faster spreading variants continue with the upward trend. Due to the health and safety risks associated with the global pandemic, and to safeguard South African Ports against the exposure from vessels that call the Ports; it is imperative that all crew aboard vessels coming into the Port of Cape Town are tested for Covid-19 before entering the harbour.

The crew onboard all vessels are required to undergo Covid-19 diagnostic testing in the form of a PCR test. Rapid testing **will not** be permitted.

All suspected and confirmed positive Covid-19 cases must immediately be reported to Port Control and to the local Port Health Officer.

This requirement is effective from Thursday, 8 July 2021.

By order of:

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