

### 1.0 BACKGROUND

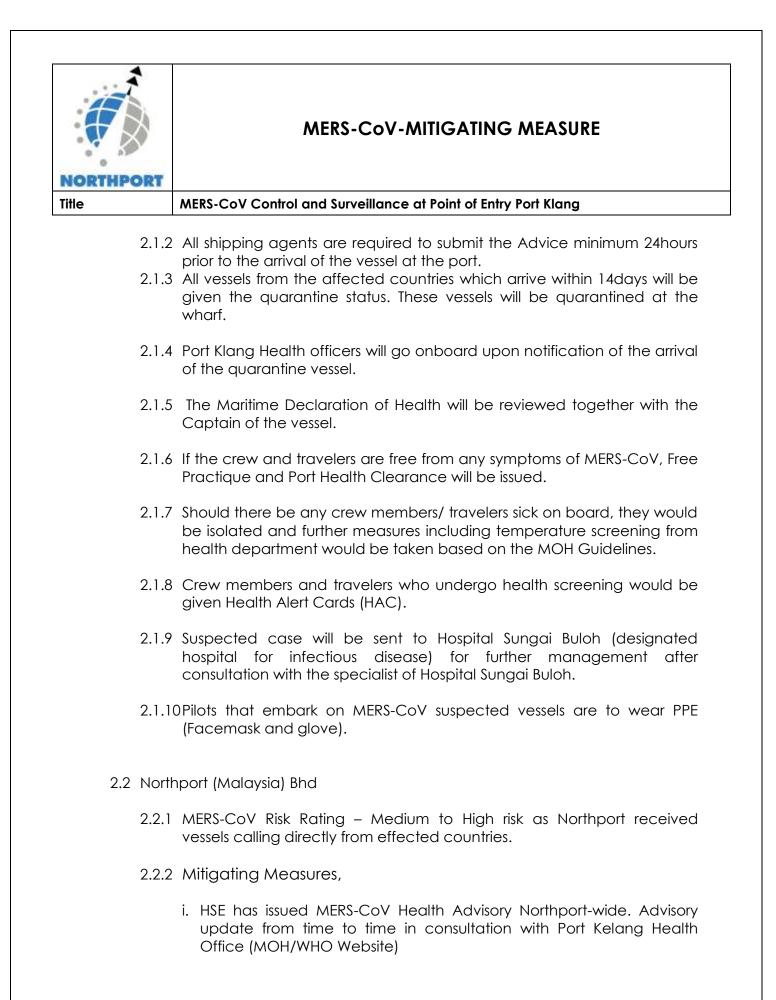
1.1 Following Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS-CoV) outbreak in Republic of Korea, Ministry of Health (MOH), Malaysia has taken steps to increase surveillance and screening at all entry points to prevent the spread of MERS-CoV infection into the country



- 1.2 Middle East Respiratory Syndrome is a viral respiratory disease caused by a strain of Coronavirus known MERS CoVinitially detected in Saudi Arabia in 2012. This Coronavirus is similar to the previous Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) outbreak. At this point, there is no evidence that MERS - CoV can spread in the community (sustained human- to- human transmission) and there is no evidence that the spread is via airborne transmission.
- 1.3 Based on the reports received from World Health Organization (WHO), the outbreak of MERS-CoV in Republic of Korea is due to the failure to ensure that the principles of infection prevention and control effectively implemented at all levels of medical and health care are involved.
- 1.4 The source of infection for the MERS-CoV cases previously confirmed in Middle East is suspected to be from infected camels.
- 1.5 Incubation period for MERS-CoV is from 2 to14 days.
- 1.6 At the moment, no travel and trade restriction has been issued by WHO.

## 2.0 SURVEILLANCE/SCREENING MEASURES

- 2.1 Port Klang Health Office
  - 2.1.1 Heighten surveillance is done for all vessels coming into Port Klang from Middle East Countries including Saudi Arabia and Republic of Korea.







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# MERS-CoV-MITIGATING MEASURE

#### MERS-CoV Control and Surveillance at Point of Entry Port Klang

iv) All shipping agents should inform the captains to isolate any crew members or passengers having the above symptoms and to use proper personal protective equipment (eg.: mask, gloves) while handling them.

## 3.0 MEDIA RELEASE

3.1 Press Release - Only Minister of Health and DG will issue press statement related to MERS-CoV.

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