

# **MEMBER ALERT**

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## **INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF SHIPPING AND OTHERS PUBLISH NEW GUIDANCE ON CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) ISSUES**

The International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), International Group of P&I Clubs, INTERTANKO and the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) have released a new publication entitled: [\*Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Legal, Liability and Insurance Issues arising from Vaccination of Seafarers.\*](#)

The guidance addresses legal, liability and insurance issues that could potentially arise for shipowners from, or in connection with, the vaccination of crew against COVID-19. It considers questions such as whether, and under what conditions, a shipowner can require crew to undergo vaccination, what vaccines may be safely given and what might be the potential liabilities for shipowners in requiring crew to be vaccinated.

It provides guidance on best employment practice to protect against such liabilities and information on insurance cover for such liabilities under the shipowner's standard Protection and Indemnity (P&I) insurance.

In addition, the ICS, INTERTANKO, ITF and the International Maritime Health Association (IMHA) have also released [\*Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Vaccination for Seafarers and Shipping Companies: A Practical Guide – Your Questions Answered.\*](#) This document provides answers to a number of important questions regarding the various vaccines currently, or soon to be, available globally.

Members are encouraged to consult these publications as required, and be guided by their contents accordingly.