



# বাংলাদেশ অভ্যন্তরীণ নৌপরিবহন কর্তৃপক্ষ

**BANGLADESH INLAND WATER TRANSPORT AUTHORITY**

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## OFFICE ORDER

Sub: Resumption of activities the permission for the inward/outward movement of vessels under PIWT&T.

Ref: Ministry of Shipping Letter no. 18.00.0000.024.06.006.17.3 Dated: 24.04.2020.

All concern do hereby inform that the activities of the inland cargo vessel under protocol on inland under Transit and Trade (PIWT&T) between Bangladesh & India suspended vide office memo no. 18.11.0000.122.31.100.19.1272 dated 31.03.2020 until further order as a precautionary measure to contain the spread of Covid-19.

02. Ministry of Shipping vide office memo no. 18.00.0000.024.06.006.17.3 dated 24.04.2020 instructed BIWTA for taking proper arrangement in order to resume the activities of inland cargo vessels under PIWT&T between Bangladesh & India.

03. In view of the above circumstances /clarification issued by the Ministry of Shipping, the permission for the vessels plying under PIWT&T may be allowed in accordance with the following procedure in practice for issuing inward and outward permission.

- (i) The Bangladeshi vessel operator/Shipping agent shall comply with the standard operating procedure (SOP) issued by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) vide memo no. IWAI/KOL/PROT (1)/2018-19 dated April 28th, 2020 while the vessel is in Indian territory.
- (ii) Health-check up for checking of Covid-19 at the all entry and exits points of Bangladesh will be performed under guidance of local health department.
- (iii) For Indian flag vessel the shipping agent vessel operator shall submit a declaration of health conditions (concerning Covid-19) issued from competent medical authority of India to the responsible person of Health Department as well as to the Competent Authority of Bangladesh in respect of all crew member/person on board in prescribed form attached (Annexur-1).
- (iv) Pilot equipped with PPE only shall be sent to board the vessel who shall strictly maintain the norms of social distancing and hygiene and shall avoid of taking any food or beverage on board.
- (v) All the vessel operators/agents are advised to carry essential provision, medicine and other required protective equipments such as soap, sanitizers, masks, hand gloves etc sufficient to meet the requirements of complete voyage(to and from).
- (vi) No crew member shall be allowed to de-board the vessel for statutory clearance. The concerned authorities fully equipped with Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) shall complete the procedure by boarding the vessel. During the completion of procedure all the guidelines issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) to contain spread of Covid-19 shall be strictly followed.
- (vii) No inward/outward permission shall be granted to the cruise/ passenger vessels during this period.

Encl: As stated

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Director 29/4/2020

**Declaration by the Vessel Operator/ Shipping Agent**

I We, (Name of Shipping Agent/ Vessel Operator) declare that all the crews/ persons as listed below on board the Inland Vessel (name of the vessel) are in good health conditions and that none of them are suspected to have infection of Covid-19. I / We, further, undertake that the guidelines issued by Govt of Bangladesh to contain spread of Covid 19 shall be strictly adhered while the vessel is in Bangladesh Territory. In case, the above statement or declaration found to be false, I / We shall be liable for appropriate legal, punitive action as per the various orders issued by Govt of Bangladesh to contain spread of Novel Corona Virus Covid-19.

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Signature of the Vessel Operator/ Shipping Agent along with Seal

Name and Address of the  
Vessel Operator/ Shipping  
Agent along with phone no.  
and email ID