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Subject: Maritime Advisory for maintaining a vigilance to reduce the risk of transmission of the Omicron variant-reg.

On 26th November 2021, the World Health Organisation (WHO) designated the COVID-19 virus variant B.1.1.529 as a Variant of Concern (VOC). The variant has been given the name Omicron.

2. Omicron is a highly divergent variant with a high number of mutations and potential for higher transmissibility. The likelihood of potential further spread of Omicron at the global level is said to be high.

3. In view of above Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has issued several advisories in the matter. On 30.11.2021, MoHFW has issued guidelines for international arrivals.

4. All concerned are required to ensure strict implementation of MoHFW's travel advisory for international arrival.

(Available at <https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/Guidelinesforinternationalarrival28112021.pdf>).

5. All concerned are also required to maintain strict vigilance to ensure the Omicron variant does not enter into India via sea routes.

6. The use of masks, physical distancing, ventilation of indoor space, crowd avoidance, and hand hygiene needs to be continued to be strictly adhered. Also, all stakeholders are advised to closely monitor WHO, MoHFW & IMO website on regular basis & be guided with the updated guidelines issued from time to time by the aforesaid organizations.

7. This issues with the approval of the Director General of Shipping and Additional Secretary to the Government of India.

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