

**Vibrio cholera virus and special measure for de-ballasting before calling Iranian ports from Iraq**

You may find the below notice issued by the Iranian Ports and Maritime Organization of Iran to be of importance for the member's vessels calling Iranian ports from Iraq (last port of call):

This is to notify that due to spreading of Cholera Virus in the country of Iraq, until further notice all arriving ships from the said destination are required to change their ballast waters towards their direction at a minimum range of 50 miles from the shore line.

It should be pointed out that all incoming vessels (from Iraq) will be quarantined at anchorage. After taking samples and conduction of the required analysis if the results are proven to be negative, ships then will be directed to the ports. Obviously, until such time that the results of the samples are determined the ships may stay at anchorage.

Those ships which the results of their samples represent the existence of the elements of the virus are not allowed entering into the ports of the province.

Should you require any further information in respect with the above please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards  
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