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TO ALL SHIP OPERATORS IN THE FSM:

I take the opportunity to thank you for your cooperation with the FSM National Government in connection with the COVID-19 State of Emergency Declaration. As you are well aware, the readiness of the private carriers to coordinate and collaborate with the FSM Government with regards to the emergency measures implemented nationwide greatly contributes to the safe delivery of services to our people and minimizes the difficult disruptions caused by the emergency. President David W. Panuelo issued the COVID-19 pandemic emergency declaration on March 14, 2019, as well as previous declarations, setting out guidance on combatting the emergency, and I am pleased to note that private carriers operating in the country continue to abide by the regulation and directives and have cooperated with the national authorities.

The situation as you all know remains very fluid, requiring all of us to closely monitor the situation not only in the country but in the neighboring region and territory as well.

Given the latest update, and based upon mutual consultations between the President and the State Governors, the President has decided that, for now, with respect to cargo and tanker vessels, the 14 days requirement for their entry into the FSM is rescinded until the situation is reassessed.

Given all the above, in accordance with the authority of the Secretary of the FSM Department of Transportation, Communications and Infrastructure with respect to shipping lines, and pursuant to the decision and instruction of the President as part of the necessary emergency measures for the COVID-19 State of Emergency, all cargo and tanker vessels operating in the FSM are required to abide at all times with the precautionary measures and protocols set by the FSM National Government in coordination with the State task forces. Until this instruction is changed, cargo and tanker vessels are not required to observe the 14 days requirement prior to their entry into the FSM.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Should you have any question, do not hesitate to let me know. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carlson D. Apis', with a stylized, cursive script.

Carlson D. Apis
Secretary

Cc: President David W. Panuelo
All State Governors
All FSM and State Task Forces