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**Subject:** B/N- Migrants from Sri Lanka - Cliff 387502

The attached B/N is forwarded for the Minister's information.

Thank you,



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possible arrival ...

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Good afternoon ladies.

Attached, please find a briefing note from Brent regarding the possible arrival of a migrant vessel from Sri Lanka.

Much thanks,



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**CORRECTIONS BRANCH**  
**BRIEFING NOTE / CLIFF 387502**

**ISSUE:**

Possible arrival of migrant vessel from Sri Lanka.

**MINISTRY'S SUGGESTED RESPONSE:**

- BC Corrections has a long standing formal agreement with Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) which provides for reimbursement of costs associated with housing migrants who arrive illegally in Canada.
- Provincial corrections officials have extensive experience in managing large numbers of migrants for extended periods of time while they are interviewed and processed by CBSA officials.
- Many of the operational decisions that must be made with the arrival of migrant groups cannot be made in advance because they are based on the numbers, demographics and backgrounds of the individuals.
- Having said this, we are confident we can quickly ramp up to an effective state of readiness if we are required to do so.

**BACKGROUND:**

- British Columbia, similar to other provinces, has always accommodated illegal migrants detained under the federal Immigration Act and been reimbursed by the federal government.
- In 1999, this long-standing verbal arrangement was captured in a Memorandum of Understanding between the Corrections Branch and Citizenship and Immigration Canada.
- Shortly after the MOU was signed, the first of several boats carrying illegal Asian migrants arrived. At one time during 2000, the Branch was holding over 400 Asian migrants.
- In June of 2008, 80 migrants from Mexico arrived at Vancouver International Airport by plane and were housed in BC Corrections' custody briefly before being returned to Mexico.

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- More recently, in October 2009, a ship arrived in Victoria carrying 76 Sri Lankan nationals, 75 of whom (one was a youth) were subsequently transported and housed at Fraser Regional Correctional Centre (FRCC). All of them have been released from FRCC.
- The International Red Cross continues to provide independent regular monitoring of detention conditions. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees also monitors conditions.
- In addition to its operational experience in transporting, housing and supervising migrant detainees, BC Corrections staff are trained in managing detainees from a variety of ethnic backgrounds. As of July 21, 2010 there were 29 individuals on immigration holds in our custody.

#### **CURRENT STATUS:**

- As of August 2, the media is still reporting the possibility of a vessel arriving from Sri Lanka with 200 migrants on board, including members of the Tamil Tigers, the military arm of the Tamil separatist movement.
- CBSA are monitoring the situation and providing periodic updates to Corrections Branch officials.
- Corrections Branch has received confirmation from CBSA that a migrant vessel is expected in Canadian waters in August.

#### **OTHER BRANCHES/MINISTRIES/GOVERNMENTS:**

- Canadian Border Services Agency
- Office To Combat Human Trafficking
- RCMP
- MCFD
- National Defence and Canadian Forces (DND)
- Emergency Management BC (EMBC)
- Health Canada
- Red Cross

#### **TIMELINES:**

- At this point, the vessel is expected to arrive between August 12 and 14, 2010.

**Contact Person:** Brent Merchant, A/ADM

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**Date:** August 3, 2010

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## Risk Assessment and Exposure Control Plan Migrant Vessel Sun Sea

### Risk Assessment

This risk assessment was conducted in accordance with WorkSafeBC Guidelines G5.54-3 and includes risk identification, assessment, and control measures.

The following people participated in the risk assessment for processing of migrants:

- Dr. Paul Beckett, Medical Director, BC Corrections Branch
- Dr. Mike Yamanaka, Assistant Medical Director, Workplace Health and Safety
- Dr. Kevin Elwood, BC Centre for Disease Control, TB Control
- Brad Buck, Team Lead, Occupational Safety, Workplace Health and Safety
- Jim Reilly, Contract Manager, Adult Custody Division, BC Corrections Branch
- Tony Porter, Program Analyst, Adult Custody Division, BC Corrections Branch

### Situation

A freighter sailing under the Thai flag, the Sun Sea, is expected to arrive in Victoria carrying several hundred migrant Sri Lankan refugees, including men, women and children.

The migrants will be medically triaged at sea by Department of National Defence (DND) on arrival at dockside, processing by the, Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) and other provincial health authorities will occur according to the process in Appendix A.

### BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) TB Control Contagion Assessment

- Migrants transferred to BC Corrections will be considered a non-carrier for TB and deemed low risk for contagion.
- Migrants transferred to BC Corrections are not considered contagious and will not be under quarantine.
- Migrants must be x-rayed as soon as possible once in custody of BC Corrections.
- BCCDC will deploy portable x-ray service to ACCW and FRCC as required.
- Migrants may under report symptoms due to variables such as fear and language barriers.
- Migrants are coming from an area of the world where there is a reported higher rate of Tuberculosis (TB) than here in Canada.
- Migrant buses constitute a closed air environment.
- BCCDC recommends correctional transport officers and bus drivers to be fit tested and equipped with N95 respirators.

### Risk Identification and Assessment

- Migrants will have been medically screened before being received by BC Corrections
- The BCCDC has denoted the migrants that BC Corrections will be receiving as a **LOW HEALTH RISK EXPOSURE OF TB**
- TB is spread by airborne transmission when a person with TB disease coughs/sneezes and disperses the TB bacteria into the air. The airborne bacteria are very small and remain suspended in the air for some time.

As at 6:30 pm on August 12, 2010

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| <p>Control measures in place to reduce the risk of exposure</p> | <p><u>Dockside Medical Triage:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Migrant medical assessments will be conducted by a number of medical agencies for risk of contagion and acute health issues.</li> <li>• Migrants who present risk of contagion or acute medical conditions will be hospitalized and remain in the care and control of CBSA.</li> <li>• Migrants who do not present risk of contagion or acute health issues will be transferred to the custody of BC Corrections.</li> </ul> <p><u>BC Corrections Medical Triage:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Migrants will be medically triaged at dockside by Calibre Health Services.</li> <li>• Migrant males will be medically assessed at VIRCC and then immediately transferred to FRCC where their medical assessment will be completed.</li> <li>• Migrant females will be medically assessed at dockside and then transported to ACCW where their medical assessment will be completed</li> <li>• Correctional officers assigned to transport buses will continue to monitor migrants for symptoms of infectious disease while enroute to VIRCC, FRCC and ACCW.</li> <li>• The migrant transportation period of several hours and the intake processing time in A&amp;D will provide a protracted period of observation to further assess for any TB symptoms and migrant placement into medical care.</li> <li>• Migrants exhibiting symptoms of infectious disease on transport will be reported to health care personnel for assessment on admission.</li> <li>• Migrants who exhibit symptoms of contagion will be isolated on admission to the custody centre.</li> <li>• Like the routine observations of any non-migrant prisoner (e.g. downtown east side), observe for things such as coughing, shortness of breath (laboured breathing), coughing up blood, possibly fever/sweats and report them to health care.</li> <li>• Migrant decontamination will take place at the custody centre.</li> <li>• X-rays need to be completed as soon as possible.</li> </ul> <p><u>Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transport personnel will be in confined quarters over several hours with migrants and as such will be provided with N95 respirators.</li> <li>• Transport and A&amp;D officers at VIRCC, FRCC and ACCW will be fit tested for N95 respirators and will wear gloves when in contact with migrants.</li> <li>• A&amp;D officers will don N95 respirators as required based on transport observation respecting symptoms of contagion.</li> <li>• Medical personnel accompanying migrants during transport will be equipped with N95 Respirators.</li> <li>• Bus Drivers will be fit tested and equipped with N95 respirators.</li> </ul> |
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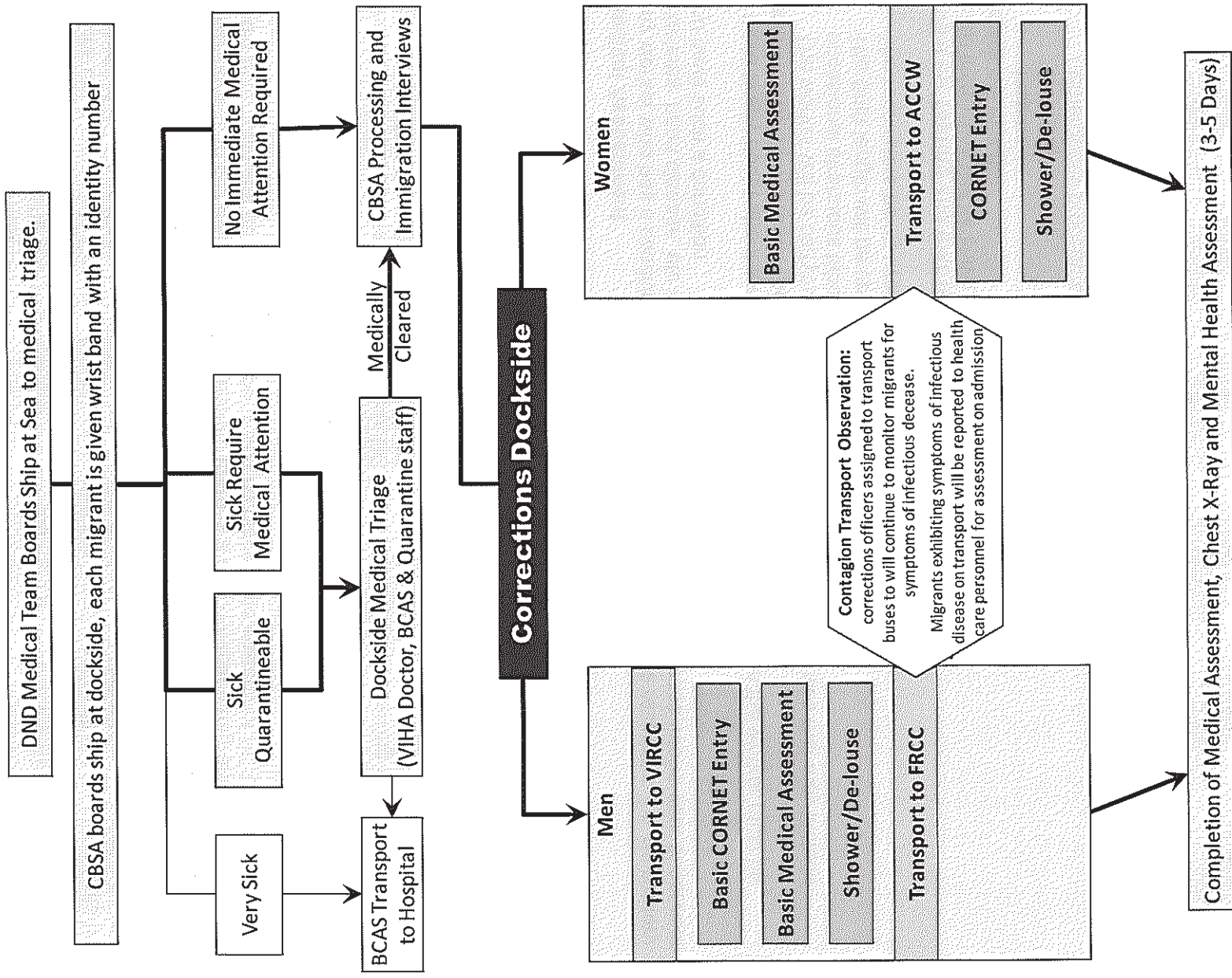
#### Engineering Controls

Migrants that are observed to exhibit infectious symptoms will be assessed and isolated.

- Isolated units
- Isolation rooms
- Negative pressure cells
- HVAC – proper maintenance and cleaning

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# Adult Males and Female Processing – BC Corrections



### **Respirator Use**

Respirators will be used during migrant transportation to the receiving custody centre and in A&D on initial admission as required. If the worker notices that the respirator is not sealing, they shall remove themselves from the area and dispose of their respirator, and don a new respirator ensuring a good seal before returning to the work area.

### **Preparation**

1. Men should be clean shaven to help obtain a good seal
2. Remove all facial jewellery
3. Long hair should be tied back
4. No make up

## **N95 RESPIRATOR MASK PROCEDURES**

### **1) Donning**

Remove N95 respirator from packaging.

**Caution: DO NOT REUSE DISPOSABLE RESPIRATORS. USE ONLY NEW RESPIRATORS.**

- Cup the respirator in your hand with the nose piece at your finger tips, allowing the headbands to hang freely below your hand
- Position the respirator under your chin with the nose piece up.
- Pull top Strap over your head, resting it high on the back of your head.
- Pull the bottom strap over your head and position around your neck below your ears
- Place fingertips from both hands at the top of the metal nose piece. Using BOTH hands mold the strip to the shape of your nose by pushing inward and moving from the centre, down both sides.

**CAUTION: DO NOT USE ONLY ONE HAND TO “PINCH” THE NOSE PIECE THIS MAY CAUSE AN IMPROPER FIT**

Check the seal by placing both hands over the mask and exhaling. If air leaks out around the nose readjust the nose piece. If air leaks out of the edges, work the strap around your head to achieve a tighter fit.

### *Removing the N95 Mask*

- Pull bottom strap overhead and away from face
- Pull top strap overhead and away from face
- Avoid touching your face with gloved hands
- Dispose of mask in garbage bag.

See the 3m *Wear It Right* information on the next page

### **When to Replace Your Respirator**

- *If your respirator loses it's face seal*
- *If it respirator saturated with moisture from your breath*
- *You are directly sneezed or coughed upon in your face*
- *Airflow is being restricted.*

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# Wear It Right

## 3M™ Respirators

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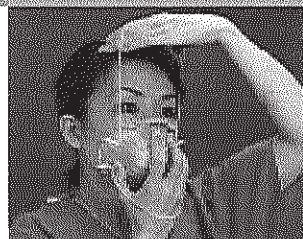
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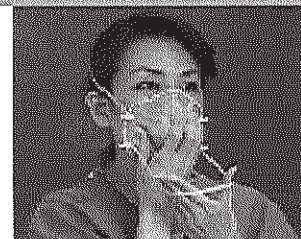
**1** Cup the respirator in your hand with the nosepiece at fingertips, allowing the head straps to hang freely below hand.



**2** Position the respirator under your chin with the nosepiece up.



**3** While holding the respirator in place, pull the top strap over your head so it rests high on the back of your head.



**4** While continuing to hold the respirator firmly in place, pull the bottom strap over your head and position it around your neck, below your ears. Untwist the straps. Position the respirator low on your nose.



**5** Using both hands, mold the nosepiece to the shape of your nose by pushing inward while moving your fingertips down both sides of the nosepiece. Note: Always use two hands when molding nosepiece. Pinching with one hand may result in improper fit and less effective respirator performance.

### POSITIVE PRESSURE FIT CHECK



**6** The respirator must be checked before each use. To perform the fit check, place both hands completely over the respirator, being careful not to disturb the position, and exhale sharply. If air leaks around your nose, adjust the nosepiece as described in step 5. If air leaks at respirator edges, adjust the straps back along the sides of your head. Perform fit check again if an adjustment is made. If you cannot achieve a proper fit, see your supervisor. Do not enter areas requiring respirator use.

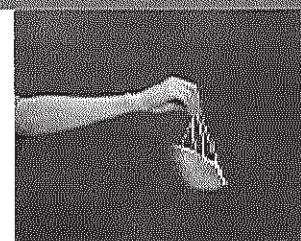
### REMOVAL:



**1** Without touching the respirator, slowly lift the bottom strap from around your neck up and over your head.



**2** Lift off the top strap. Do not touch the respirator.



**3** Store or discard according to your facility's infection control policy.

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### WARNING

This respirator helps protect against certain particulate contaminants, but does not eliminate exposure to or risk of contracting disease or infection. Misuse may result in sickness or death. For proper use, see your supervisor or call 3M Occupational Health and Environmental Safety Division Technical Services at 1-800-243-4630.

## The Difference between Latent TB Infection and TB Disease

| A Person with Latent TB Infection                                                                                        | A Person with TB Disease                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has no symptoms</li> </ul>                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has symptoms that may include:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a bad cough that lasts 3 weeks or longer</li> <li>- pain in the chest</li> <li>- coughing up blood or sputum</li> <li>- weakness or fatigue</li> <li>- weight loss</li> <li>- no appetite</li> <li>- chills</li> <li>- fever</li> <li>- sweating at night</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does not feel sick</li> </ul>                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Usually feels sick</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cannot spread TB bacteria to others</li> </ul>                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May spread TB bacteria to others</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Usually has a skin test or blood test result indicating TB infection</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Usually has a skin test or blood test result indicating TB infection</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has a normal chest x-ray and a negative sputum smear</li> </ul>                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May have an abnormal chest x-ray, or positive sputum smear or culture</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Needs treatment for latent TB infection to prevent active TB disease</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Needs treatment to treat active TB disease</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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MV Sun Sea Dockside report

**Subject:**

A Public Safety Canada rep at dockside in Esquimalt has just advised the PECC of the following:

- No passengers have yet disembarked the vessel
- Environmental Health Officers are currently sweeping the vessel for vermin and insects
- The RCMP investigative team will be the next to board
- The first passengers off of the vessel will be the two pregnant females who will be transported to Victoria General Hospital
- Early reports indicate that the passengers were found hydrated and nourished and there was no report of coughing, a potential indicator of TB
- No evidence of a mortality has yet been found aboard the vessel
- Conditions on the vessel were better than expected, with compartmentalization of family units

More details when known

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**Subject:** Fw: Migrant Vessel Medical Update

**Importance:** High

Medically things seem to be looking up.

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**Subject:** Migrant Vessel Medical Update

- The CF Med Team reports conditions are relatively benign in the vessel, they will continue to assess the pax / crew throughout the night.
- 2x women visibly pregnant (4 months / 8 months) no distress.
- Limited quantities of food and water found in the ship however, fresh supplies have now been delivered to the ship.
- Of note, 300 x pax were housed in one large hold located mid -ships.

John Oakley is covering the EMBC LO position in the BIOC overnight.

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**Subject:** FW: Urgent update Sun Sea migrant vessel  
**Importance:** High

Hi there

Latest information from Surrey Ops Centre

Note : Sensitive flag

Not for media or wide circulation

HLTH/Corrections/Security and BCCS have this information

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Sensitive Information.

Briefing by RCMP 12:30 hrs

Information Gathered via Radio Communication with MV Sun Sea Captain

Information for Operational Planning Purposes - Not for widespread distribution

-490 refugees on board  
-45 children  
-65 females  
-380 males

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**Subject:** RE: MV Sun Sea Dockside update #2

The Ministry of Health has elaborated on the dockside report received by the PCC:

- The first MV Sun Sea passengers are now disembarking.
- The pregnant women (2) are disembarking first. They will be transported to Victoria General Hospital for assessment.
- It is anticipated that the medical assessment area will look at 5 children, feeling ill. It is believed they will be transported to Victoria General Hospital for further assessment/treatment.
- Reports indicate a female passenger is also feeling ill and will be assessed and may be transported to Victoria General Hospital.

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## ADVICE TO MINISTER

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#### ISSUES NOTE

Ministry Public Safety and Solicitor General

Date: Aug. 11, 2010

Minister Responsible: Rich Coleman

### Migrant Ship Arrival (MV Sun Sea)

#### SUGGESTED RESPONSE:

- This matter is currently under Federal jurisdiction. The Province is ready to respond and assist their Federal partners in any way needed.
- The Province has extensive experience in organizing emergency response through a formal, all-hazards approach and using the incident command structure, often with many federal, local government and other partners.
- As well, the Province has considerable and recent experience in working with federal counterparts, including the Canada Border Services Agency and the RCMP, on a co-ordinated response to the arrival of migrants by sea, air and land.
- For security and privacy reasons, we are limited in what we can say about the preparations for, and actual handling of migrants.
- Individuals held in our custody are treated with dignity and respect and are provided with appropriate health care, clothing, food and support.

#### B.C. Corrections:

- Many of the operational decisions that must be made with the arrival of migrant groups cannot be made in advance because they are based on the numbers, demographics and backgrounds of the individuals. Having said this, our emergency plans can address any contingency.
- BC Corrections has a long-standing agreement with the federal government which provides for full reimbursement of costs associated with temporarily housing migrants who do arrive illegally in Canada.
- We have extensive experience in managing large numbers of migrants for extended periods of time while they are interviewed and processed by Canadian Border Service Agency (CSBA) officials.

#### B.C. Coroners:

- The Chief Coroner is involved in case there are deceased on board.

#### Ministry of Children and Families:

- While it's clearly too early to comment on specifics, I can tell you that support for children and youth who arrive on B.C. shores in this way *could include* housing, the provision of interpreters and counselling support services as they go through the Federal Refugee Review Process.
- Federal officials have been in contact with the ministry to begin the work of developing a coordinated plan of action should any minors be on board the vessel.

#### Ministries of Healthy Living and Sport, and Health Services:

- The Province is working closely with the federal government, the local health authority, and the BC Ambulance Service to ensure a multi-agency response is coordinated when this ship arrives.
- The initial health response and on-board triage will be led by the Canadian Forces medical personnel.
- Canadian Forces will work with Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) quarantine officers to determine whether passengers have any communicable disease requiring quarantine or any other injury or conditions requiring immediate medical assistance.
- RCMP and Health Canada's environmental health officers will inspect both the ship and cargo to prevent entry of any hazards and provide advice on mitigation measures, if necessary, before the ship docks.
- Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) will work with the military and the BC Ambulance Service to ensure health care is provided to passengers and crew. VIHA is prepared to activate any emergency response plans they need in order to provide required health care services, and BCAS will provide any required on-site triage, treatment and patient transport to hospital.
- Passengers will receive the health care they require and will remain in the custody of the Canadian Border Services Agency.

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### Background:

There is a Sri Lankan (unconfirmed) ship, the MV Sun Sea, believed to be travelling under a Thai flag and suspected of carrying over 200-500 Tamil asylum seekers (including 20-40 children) expected arrive in B.C. between August 12 and 19<sup>th</sup>. The ship has been at sea for 5 months so illness and debility on board is expected. The Canadian Border Service Agency (CSBA), the lead Federal agency for marine arrivals, coordinates the integrated Federal/Provincial response for a cross-ministry/government response to the ship's arrival. Federal public safety officials and DND Medical teams will be onsite upon arrival.

### Media Activity:

CTV and CBC suggest there is one death on board, that the vessel is now in the 200 exclusive economic zone (not the same as Canadian waters) and that it could arrive within 12 miles (close enough to board) by late Thursday or early Friday. Vic Toews is also said to be coming back from a caucus retreat tonight to talk about this issue. Media calls are focused on the details of detainment upon arrival and preparations being made, reporter inquiries continue to be redirected to the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT).

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### ISSUES NOTE

Ministry Public Safety and Solicitor General

Date: Aug. 13, 2010

Minister Responsible: Rich Coleman

## Migrant Ship Arrival (MV Sun Sea)

#### SUGGESTED RESPONSE:

- This matter is currently under Federal jurisdiction. The Province is ready to respond and assist their Federal partners in any way needed.
- The Province has extensive experience in organizing emergency response through a formal, all-hazards approach using the incident command structure, often with federal, local government and other partners.
- As well, the Province has considerable and recent experience in working with federal counterparts, including the Canada Border Services Agency and the RCMP, on a co-ordinated response to the arrival of migrants by sea, air and land.
- For security and privacy reasons, we are limited in what we can say about the handling of migrants.
- Individuals held in our custody are treated with dignity and respect and are provided with appropriate health care, clothing, food and support.

#### If asked about costs to the province:

- We have established agreements with the Federal government for cost recovery, but that is a future discussion. Our priority right now is to continue supplying the support and resources needed to ensure the safety and security of Canadians, as well as the safe arrival of the crew and passengers aboard the Sun Sea.

#### Office to Combat Trafficking in Persons:

- The Office to Combat Trafficking in Persons (OCTIP), works closely with provincial ministries, federal government departments, law enforcement agencies, Crown Counsel and community service providers to coordinate responses and provide services to trafficked persons.

#### B.C. Corrections:

- BC Corrections has a long-standing agreement with the federal government which provides for full reimbursement of costs associated with temporarily housing migrants who do arrive illegally in Canada.
- We have extensive experience in managing large numbers of migrants for extended periods of time while they are interviewed and processed by Canadian Border Service Agency (CSBA) officials.

#### B.C. Coroners:

- The Chief Coroner is involved in case there are deceased on board.

#### Ministry of Children and Families:

- Federal officials have been in contact with the ministry to begin the work of developing a coordinated plan of action for any minors be on board the vessel.
- It's a federal decision as to who will be released into the care and custody of the Province. Once cleared by federal authorities, women and children that have been taken into the care and custody of MCFD will be well cared for while they go through the Federal Refugee Review Process.
- Support services will be put in place that may include language interpreters and other support services as necessary.
- Our intention is to keep mothers and their young children together in a safe and security facility as well as any unaccompanied minors.
- We will not be commenting on where migrants will be housed due to privacy and security issues.

#### Ministries of Healthy Living and Sport, and Health Services:

- The Province is working closely with the federal government, the local health authority, and the BC Ambulance Service to ensure a multi-agency response to the ship's arrival.
- The initial health response and on-board triage is being led by the Canadian Forces medical personnel.
- Canadian Forces is working with Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) quarantine officers to determine whether passengers have any communicable disease requiring quarantine or any other injury or conditions requiring immediate medical assistance.

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- RCMP and Health Canada's environmental health officers inspected both the ship and cargo to prevent entry of any hazards and provide advice on mitigation measures, if necessary, before the ship docks.
- Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) is working with the military and the BC Ambulance Service to ensure health care is provided to passengers and crew. Passengers will receive the health care they require and will remain in the custody of the Canadian Border Services Agency.

### Health Concerns re. Transportation of Migrants to Mainland:

- Passengers coming off the ship will have been triaged and assessed by medical staff before being transported. Those who are sick and need acute treatment will have that provided for them.
- We are confident that those passengers being transported on buses will not pose a health risk to their attendants or to the public.
- If public health officials feel it is necessary, the drivers and attendants will be advised and required to take appropriate health protection measures, such as wearing N95 masks.
- Any passengers with respiratory illness who are fit to travel will also wear masks to reduce any (remote) risk of disease transmission, such as TB.

### **Background:**

The MV Sun Sea, a ship suspected of carrying 490 foreign asylum seekers (including 20-40 children), is arrived in B.C. in the early morning of August 13<sup>th</sup>. The ship has been at sea for 5 months so illness and debility on board is anticipated. The Canadian Border Service Agency (CSBA), the lead Federal agency for marine arrivals, is coordinating the integrated Federal/Provincial response for a cross-ministry/government response to the ship's arrival. Federal public safety officials and DND Medical teams were onsite upon arrival. A Federal technical briefing took place on Friday; a Saturday briefing is anticipated as well.

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### CONFIDENTIAL ISSUES NOTE

Ministry Public Safety and Solicitor General

Date: Aug. 10, 2010

Minister Responsible: Rich Coleman

### Migrant Ship Arrival (MV Sun Sea)

#### PSSG Suggested Response:

- This matter is currently under Federal jurisdiction. Provincial involvement will begin when -- and if -- the ship enters port.
- The Province has extensive experience in organizing emergency response through a formal, all-hazards approach and using the incident command structure, often with many federal, local government and other partners.
- As well, the Province has considerable and recent experience in working with federal counterparts, including the Canada Border Services Agency and the RCMP, on a co-ordinated response to the arrival of migrants by sea.
- For security and privacy reasons, we are limited in what we can say about the preparations for, and actual handling of, these migrants.

#### B.C. Corrections

- Many of the operational decisions that must be made with the arrival of migrant groups cannot be made in advance because they are based on the numbers, demographics and backgrounds of the individuals. Having said this, we are confident we can quickly ramp up to an effective state of readiness if we are required to do so.
- BC Corrections has a long-standing formal agreement with the federal government which provides for full reimbursement of any costs associated with temporarily housing migrants who do arrive illegally in Canada.
- We have extensive experience in managing large numbers of migrants for extended periods of time while they are interviewed and processed by Canadian Border Service Agency (CSBA) officials.

#### B.C. Coroners

- Awaiting response from Dr. Rothson

#### Ministry of Children and Families:

- While it's clearly too early to comment on specifics, I can tell you that support for children and youth who arrive on B.C. shores in this way *could include* housing, the provision of interpreters and counselling support services as they go through the Federal Refugee Review Process.
- Federal officials have been in contact with the ministry to begin the work of developing a coordinated plan of action should any minors be on board the vessel.

#### Ministry of Health

- The Province is working closely with the federal government, the local health authority, and the BC Ambulance Service to ensure a multi-agency response is coordinated when this ship arrives.
- The initial health response and on-board triage will be led by the Canadian Forces medical personnel.
- Canadian Forces will work with Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) quarantine officers to determine whether passengers have any communicable disease requiring quarantine or any other injury or conditions requiring immediate medical assistance.
- RCMP and Health Canada's environmental health officers will inspect both the ship and cargo to prevent entry of any hazards and provide advice on mitigation measures, if necessary, before the ship docks.

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- Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) will work with the military and the BC Ambulance Service to ensure health care is provided to passengers and crew. VIHA is prepared to activate any emergency response plans they need in order to provide required health care services, and BCAS will provide any required on-site triage, treatment and patient transport to hospital.
- Passengers will receive the health care they require and will remain in the custody of the Canadian Border Services Agency.
- Initial screening will determine whether there is any evidence of a communicable disease that is potentially affecting large numbers of the passengers. If necessary quarantine procedures will be put in place.
- PHAC's initial health screening on the boat will be looking for signs or symptoms of specific communicable diseases, such as TB, Dengue or Malaria. Provincially, the public health response will be coordinated by the provincial Emergency Management Unit in the Ministry of Health Services. Once the ship has docked and the federal security agencies have cleared the passengers, further health screening and/or treatment will be led at a mini-clinic.

### Background:

There is a Sri Lankan (**unconfirmed**) ship, the MV Sun Sea, believed to be travelling under a Thai flag and suspected of carrying over 200-500 Tamil asylum seekers (including 20-40 children) expected arrive in B.C. between August 12 and 19<sup>th</sup>. The ship has been at sea for 5 months so illness and debility on board is expected.

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## ESTIMATES NOTE

Ministry Public Safety and Solicitor General  
2011/12

## Migrant Detainees

### Suggested Response:

- BC Corrections continues to house migrant detainees who arrived by ship from Sri Lanka in August 2010
- Provincial corrections officials have extensive experience in managing large numbers of migrants for extended periods of time while they are interviewed and processed by CBSA and IRB officials.
- Migrant detainees are held under the jurisdiction of the federal government. BC Corrections' role is limited to providing a safe and secure environment for the detainees while they are being processed by federal authorities.
- Within this secure setting BC Corrections conducts appropriate risk assessments and does everything possible to house migrant detainees under the least restrictive measures necessary.
- Temporary infrastructure is in place to increase capacity at correctional centres to accommodate migrants while they are processed by federal officials.
- This temporary additional infrastructure ensures operational pressures are minimized and permits migrants to be housed in a more suitable environment.
- Any costs incurred by BC Corrections are reimbursed through a standing agreement with the federal government.
- CBSA and Corrections Branch officials meet regularly to discuss operational issues and to plan for managing potential new large scale migrant arrivals, including arrangements for additional infrastructure for housing and processing facilities.

### Background:

- British Columbia has always accommodated illegal migrants detained under the federal Immigration Act, and has been reimbursed by the federal government for all housing-related costs.
- In addition to its operational experience in transporting, housing and supervising migrant detainees, BC Corrections staff are trained in managing detainees from a variety of ethnic backgrounds.
- On August 13, 2010, the migrant vessel Sun Sea arrived in the Victoria area with 492 migrants from Sri Lanka on board.
- 380 adult male migrants were housed at Fraser Regional Corrections Centre and 38 adult female migrants who had no children were housed at Alouette Correctional Centre for women. The remaining migrants were mothers with children and unaccompanied minors who were placed under the care of MCFD.
- CBSA, CSIS, RCMP and IRB established office/trailer space on-site at Fraser Regional Correctional Centre to conduct investigative interviews and refugee hearings for the male migrants.
- Interviews with adult female migrants with no children have been conducted at Alouette Correctional Centre for Women. Immigration and refugee hearings for this group have been held in Vancouver.
- CBSA and Corrections Branch officials are in regular contact to discuss and resolve operational issues.
- The Red Cross and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees conduct regular visits at each centre to independently monitor conditions and identify concerns that they or the migrant detainees have.
- There have been no significant operational or management issues raised by the migrants.
- There are currently 62 males at Fraser Regional Correctional Centre and 3 females at Alouette Correctional Centre for Women
- Some released individuals have been returned to custody by federal authorities due to new information concerning their status.

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**ESTIMATES NOTE**

Ministry Public Safety and Solicitor General  
2011/12

**Migrant Detainees****Suggested Response:**

- BC Corrections continues to house migrant detainees who arrived by ship from Sri Lanka in August 2010.
- Provincial Corrections officials have extensive experience in managing large numbers of migrants for extended periods of time while they are interviewed and processed by Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) and Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) officials.
- Migrant detainees are held under the legal jurisdiction of the federal government. BC Corrections' role is limited to providing a safe and secure environment for the detainees while they are being processed by federal authorities.
- Within this secure setting, BC Corrections conducts appropriate risk assessments and does everything possible to house migrant detainees under the least restrictive measures necessary.
- Temporary infrastructure is in place to increase capacity at correctional centres to accommodate migrants while they are processed by federal officials.
- This temporary additional infrastructure ensures operational pressures are minimized and permits migrants to be housed in a more suitable environment.
- Any costs incurred by BC Corrections are reimbursed through a standing agreement with the federal government.
- CBSA and Corrections Branch officials meet regularly to discuss operational issues and to plan for managing potential new large scale migrant arrivals, including arrangements for additional housing and processing facilities.
- The Red Cross and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees conduct regular visits at each centre to independently monitor conditions and identify concerns that they or the migrant detainees may have. These independent agencies have expressed satisfaction with BC Corrections' management of the federal detainees.

**Background:**

- British Columbia has always accommodated illegal migrants detained under the federal *Immigration Act*, and has been reimbursed by the federal government for all housing-related costs.
- In addition to its operational experience in transporting, housing and supervising migrant detainees, BC Corrections staff are trained in managing detainees from a variety of ethnic backgrounds.
- On August 13, 2010, the migrant vessel Sun Sea arrived in the Victoria area with 492 migrants from Sri Lanka on board.
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- CBSA, Canadian Security and Intelligence Service (CSIS), RCMP and IRB established office/trailer space on-site at Fraser Regional Correctional Centre to conduct investigative interviews and refugee hearings for the male migrants.
- Interviews with adult female migrants with no children have been conducted at Alouette Correctional Centre for Women. Refugee hearings for this group have been held in Vancouver.
- CBSA and Corrections Branch officials are in regular contact to discuss and resolve operational issues.
- There have been no significant operational or management issues raised by the migrants.

- There are currently 27 males at Fraser Regional Correctional Centre. The last female migrant detainee was released in late March from Alouette Correctional Centre for Women.
- Some released individuals have been returned to custody by federal authorities due to new information concerning their background and status.

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## ISSUE NOTE

**Issue:**

- **Immigration Detainees**

**Background:**

- The Canadian media continues to speculate on the possible arrival this spring (2011) of another ship from Asia with illegal migrants. If the ship arrives as predicted, the Corrections Branch will be asked again by the Canada Border Services Agency to house these migrants in our provincial correctional centres during reviews conducted by federal agencies to determine their legal status.
- In the last two years, two ships carrying illegal migrants from Sri Lanka arrived in British Columbia:
  - On October 18, 2009, the Ocean Lady carrying 76 Tamil migrants docked in Victoria. By February 2010 all detainees have been released from the custody of the Corrections Branch (PSSG).
  - On August 13, 2010, MV Sun Sea arrived in Victoria carrying 492 Tamil migrants.
  - Of the 492 detained migrants, 418 have been placed in the custody of the Correctional Branch (PSSG) and 74 were placed at the Burnaby Youth Detention Centre (MCFD).
  - As of February 18, 2011 there were 93 Tamil migrants still in custody of the Corrections Branch (PSSG).

**Decision required:**

- **This note is for information only.**

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