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## Memorandum

From:

Stephen P. Metruck, Executive Director

Date:

March 24, 2020

Re:

Tariff Item 4040

## **Announcement Implementing Tariff Item 4040**

I am immediately directing a halt to all cruise terminal operations at the Port of Seattle cruise facilities in accordance with the provisions of Item 4040 in the Port of Seattle Terminal Tariff No. 5. My reasons for taking this action are as follows:

- 1. The outbreak of COVID 19 within King County.
- 2. The declarations of a public health emergency by the State of Washington and King County.
- 3. The emerging lack of sufficient medical resources in King County to handle the COVID 19 outbreak.

Lay berthing of vessels at the Port's cruise terminals, particularly those capable of providing backfill medical facility support to the community, will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.