

NOTE TO INDUSTRY (NTI)

TOPIC INSPECTION CAMPAIGN ON OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES (ODS) REPORTING FOR PRIVATE HEALTH CLINICS				Reference Number: 2024/NTI/07
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Purpose: This Note to Industry (NTI) serves as an announcement to inform private health clinics and their medical practitioners, registered under the Medical Practitioners and Dentists Act (Chapter 112) in Brunei Darussalam, on the Inspection Campaign on Occupational Diseases (ODs) Reporting for Private Health Clinics.

The Safety, Health and Environment National Authority (SHENA) hereby announces that commencing from the period of August 2024 to January 2025 an inspection campaign will be launched with the theme "Empowering Occupational Diseases Reporting" (Reporting for a Healthier Workplace)".

This campaign is part of SHENA's effort to raise awareness among registered medical practitioners practising in Brunei Darussalam on their legal duty to report any cases of occupational diseases (ODs) to SHENA not later than 10 days after receipt of the written diagnosis as required under Regulation 6(2) of the Workplace Safety and Health (Incident Reporting) Regulations, 2014 [NB: this is also referred to in the previous NTI (2023/NTI/11) issued on 17th October 2023].

The other key objectives of this inspection campaign are:

- 1. **To improve awareness and understanding** of relevant legal requirements.
- 2. **To identify gaps and challenges** hindering effective ODs reporting.
- 3. **To determine the way forward** for these challenges.

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4. To verify whether private health clinics have the process to manage Incident Reporting, including reporting of Occupational Diseases as per the Third Schedule of WSHO, 2009 and the requirements of WSH (Incident Reporting) Regulations, 2014.

This inspection campaign is essential to **address the under-reporting concerns** on OD and to develop an evidence-based, nationwide preventive approach to raise awareness on the most common ODs in Brunei Darussalam and address them.

Before conducting the inspection, the SHENA warranted inspectors will contact the private health clinics to arrange a suitable date and time. Subsequently, for every inspection, SHENA will provide the **relevant guidance and support** to the private health clinics to enhance their ODs reporting practices.

Should there be any further clarifications be required on this matter, please email your inquiries through the "General Enquiries" button on the SHENA website at www.shena.gov.bn or contact the SHENA Office general line at + 673 238 2000 anytime during office hours.

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