

TO ALL FLEET VESSELS

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Dear Captains,  
Good Day,

*Please find the attached file containing an update measures being put in place by a number of countries, ports and organizations in response to COVID-19 Outbreak.  
Kindly refer to attached doc. Before calling port of destination to prepare vessel and arrange needful indue time.*

*You are requested to confirm receipt, discuss the contents in the next consolidated meeting on board & keep a copy in the file DA-11.*

*Best Regards*

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# **COVID-19: Coronavirus Outbreak – Impact on Shipping \*Update\***

## **09/04/2020**

In response to the 2019-nCoV novel coronavirus outbreak, a number of countries, ports and organisations are publishing details of the measures being put in place.

The below is a brief summary of information we have received so far that has the potential to impact ship operations.

**Last updated: 9 April 2020**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Informing party</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Summary of advice</b>
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From 10 March 2020 Albania is officially in the list of affected countries with COVID-19. Up to now there are detected 64 cases with COVID-19 in Albania. The majority of cases are detected in Tirana (capital of the country). There are few cases detected in Durres city but up to now no reported cases are within the staff /employees of Durres Port Authority and/or other service providers acting in the port area.

Restrictive measures, similar to those of other countries, are being imposed from the government. From 18:00 hrs to 06:00 hrs and from 10:00 hrs to 16:00 hrs there is movement curfew, and no one can be outside in the city (unless there are justifiable reasons) however the activity in the port (loading, discharging, formalities etc. are continuing as usually 24 hours).

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19- Please note that cargo ships can be operated normally. For all the vessels that come to port the crew is not  
Mar allowed to go out to shore and no embarking or disembarking of crew is possible.

Actually in Durres port the cargo vessels continuing the normal operations. During this period usually only the ship agent (and the doctor) comes onboard to take the documents for the free pratique but as I said the crew is not allowed to go out ashore.

At East Terminal (where the vessel is supposed to be berthed for discharging petcock) the commercial activity continuing normally. Considering the situation to date we believe that the members may bring the vessel normally at Durres port.

27 February: The port of Annaba notified all local agents that following the sanitary services advise, all vessels who called Italian ports will be put on quarantine on road till the release into free pratique is obtained.

29 March: all the Ports Authorities have prohibited the loading and the discharging operations between 01:00 hours and 07:00 hours in some ports and from 19:00 hours to 07:00 hours in other ports and the Algerian government has imposed the following precautionary measures:

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| Algeria | Neffous Shipping & Consulting (P&I)     | 6-<br>Apr | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Sanitary Authorities and the Coast Guards, board all the vessels at roads to check whether the vessel and the crew came from or transited through a contaminated country for at least the last 14 days.</li><li>• Always at roads, the Health Authorities medically examine all crew members to ensure that they show no symptoms or suffer from the corona virus, whether the ship came or not from a contaminated area.</li><li>• In the event, the crew presents no risk of contamination, the Authorities impose to all members to wear masks and gloves as soon as the vessel berths.</li><li>• Crew cannot go ashore, unless requested by his service.</li><li>• No one can board or leave the vessel if his temperature is above 38 °C or shows signs of breathing difficulties.</li></ul> |
|         | Bemi P&I                                |           |   |
|         | <a href="#">Port of Annaba Circular</a> |           |   |

5 April: a curfew implemented has amended from 15:00 to 07:00 for Bejaia, Oran and Algiers.

26 March: The ports are closed only for passenger ships. Cargo vessels can still enter the port and continue working but the crew will not be allowed to come down the gangway and go ashore.

Stevedores are advised to wear protective gloves and masks and restrict their contact with the crew to the strict minimum.

All maritime agencies and government offices are working.

Government of Angola has decided to suspend all air travel to and from Luanda International Airport for a period of 15 days starting from midnight 20 March.

All crew disembarkations from commercial vessels have been suspended. Only emergency medevacs are permitted.

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31 March: Budd Group advise that all ports remain open to cargo vessels only. All crew or stowaway disembarkations are prohibited but medical evacuations are authorized.

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Update on port operational status from GAC:

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**LUANDA**

Terminal: Greater Plutonio

Status: Operational

Remarks: Movement of all personnel from shore to terminal have been suspended. Vessels are cleared remotely and clearance documents sent to the vessel by email. Loading operations continue with only Fiscal Police onboard. No husbandry services allowed except for critical medical emergencies. No mandatory quarantine of vessel and crew announced.

**SOYO**

Terminals: Dalia, Girassol, Pazflor, Clov, Kaombo, PSVM, Kizomba, Gimboa, Palanca, Olombendo, N'Goma

Status: Operational

Remarks: Movement of all personnel from shore to terminal have been suspended. Vessels are cleared remotely and clearance documents sent to the vessel by email. Loading operations continue with only Fiscal police onboard. No husbandry services allowed except for critical medical emergencies. No mandatory

quarantine of vessel and crew announced.

**SOYO**

Terminal: Angola LNG

Status: Operational

Remarks: Terminal under lockdown. Vessel operations continue as usual. Vessels are cleared remotely and clearance documents sent to the vessel by email. Loading operations continue with only Fiscal Police onboard. No husbandry services allowed except for critical medical emergencies. No mandatory quarantine of vessel and crew announced.

**CABINDA**

Terminals: Malongo / Sanha LPG

Status: Operational

Remarks: Terminal under lockdown. Vessel operations continue as usual. Vessels are cleared remotely and clearance documents sent to the vessel by email. Loading operations continue with only Fiscal Police onboard. No husbandry services allowed except for critical medical emergencies. No mandatory quarantine of vessel and crew announced.

Summary of the recent Sanitary regulations applicable to all ships coming from abroad:  
Following documentation are additional to usual pre arrival requirements and must be sent prior vessels arrival holding yellow flag, otherwise Free pratique will not be granted.

- Copy of Medical Log book
- Register of body temperature to all crew and passengers if any.
- Crew change movements as from 01/12/2019.
- MHSD (Medical Health Ship Declaration)
- Individual Health Declaration form & questionnaires form

In case any crewmember or passengers present any sickness symptoms, free pratique will not be granted and vessel must comply the quarantine.

In addition, Migration authorities has cancelled all temporary and working VISA for all citizens coming from affected area, i.e. China, Japan, South Korea, Iran, Europe, USA, Brazil and Chile (these two countries just recently added....).

It has been advised by National Government that Foreign Citizens (Non-residents) will not be allowed to enter our country for the next 15 days, so far. Notwithstanding the above, they have made the following exceptions always provided that said individuals don't show any signs of the virus and comply with further recommendation/instructions from National Sanitary authorities:

- people affected to the transportation of goods/commodities through Air, ground and Sea.
- crewmembers
- people related to flight operations and sanitary transfers

As a consequence, Vessels coming from ports abroad would be authorized to proceed alongside as long as they comply with special Sanitary requirements in force, such us crew health declaration, daily body temperature reports, details of crew changes that took place since Dec 1st 2019, copy of Medical logbook, Maritime health declaration and special questionnaire for detecting potential COVID-19 cases.

Situation is being normalized at every port Area of Bahia Blanca, Necochea and Up River ports which were affected yesterday with some delays on berthing/ops. So far no delays registered due to Sanitary regulations.22 March: The Argentine Pilotage Chamber has advised that, from 0000 hours on 24 March, all vessels proceeding from Brazil and Chile must comply with a 14-day corresponding quarantine period as established by the National Government along with Sanitary Authorities.

Ports in Brazil & Chile are considered as affected areas with exponential risks to spread Covid-19.

This will cause delays/logistic changes in line-ups/commercial drawbacks depending on vessels' last known port of departure prior to entering Argentine jurisdiction.7 April: Pandi Liquidadores S.R.L advise that they provide an up to date COVID-19 section (www.pandi.com.ar). They summarise the current situation as follows:

- Argentina is under a mandatory social isolation / quarantine which will be in place, in principle, until 13th April 2020 (after being extended from its original ending date). However, it is expected that after 13 April

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restrictions will continue in place and would be lifted gradually, depending on the developments of the spread.

- The Government has considered that those activities which are urgent to enable international trade are exempted, therefore, ports and ships are operating. In principle, all ships calling Argentine ports must present specific pre-arrival information (72 hours before arriving) including the last 10 ports called, crew changes, ship's medical book, crew/passenger temperature records among others.
- Those ships which have called one of the areas considered specially affected by the outbreak (EU Members, Schengen Members, UK and North Ireland, USA, Korea, Japan, Iran, Chile and Brazil) would be subject to physical health inspection at Recalada Pilot Station (outer River Plate) by Coast Guards on behalf of health authorities. If the pre-arrival documentation on any ship, and the physical inspection for those calling from the "affected areas" do not reveal any Covid-19 case, or suspected case, the ship would in principle authorize to receive Pilots and proceed to port, where additional health inspections may take place. Otherwise the ship will be quarantined at the disposal of Health Authorities.
- Some ports have been affected by different players, such as unions, professional associations or locally-based authorities which request for any ship calling an "affected area" to have at least 14 days transit time since they departed from the last port. This would normally affect ships calling from Brazil – and Chile at some extent (due to short transit time). These ports are Necochea, Bahia Blanca, San Nicolas, Campana, Zarate, Rosario and San Lorenzo and other nearby ports may have the same tendency.
- Borders remain closed and there virtually no commercial flights. Therefore, crew changes or repatriations are not normally possible.
- Surveyors' attendance on board would be subject to the particular circumstances of the case, and the possibility for them to attend at port or on board may be limited. Not only due to the risk of contracting the virus, but also because the isolation is mandatory and its breach is being prosecuted criminally by our authorities.
- Courts and Administrative entities have entered into an extraordinary recess during the mandatory isolation. No activity is taking place thereon unless urgent and unavoidable. 8 April: The port of Bahia Blanca is currently operating with no restrictions on LPG vessels or on vessels which have been at sea longer than 14 days and haven't called at affected areas.



Since March 21, 2020 the government of Aruba implemented limited transportation from 21:00 to 06:00 hrs. some exceptions may apply with authorization. Sanctions were imposed for citizens who violate this provision.

Suspension of incoming international flights. No person may enter the country, this restriction also counts for the residents of Aruba. Empty flights can only arrive to pick up passengers leaving Aruba to take them to their destination.

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Apr A standard pre-arrival documents will be followed, an additional Marine Health Declaration form has to be submitted.

Passengers ships calls are temporarily suspended. Cargo, repair, bunker, load/discharge calls remain possible as normal. Offshore attendance continues as normal (exception: crew changes). All ports in Aruba are open as normal.

The Australian Government has announced that all persons entering Australia must undertake a precautionary self-isolation period for 14 days upon entry to the country. This applies to any person entering Australia, including Australian citizens and permanent residents. Persons who are entering Australia for less than 14 days must self-isolate for the entire duration of their stay.

These measures apply to all people entering Australia including via aircraft and vessels. The travel restrictions for mainland China, Iran, the Republic of Korea and Italy remain in place for all travellers including maritime crew.

For all commercial vessels arriving from any port outside Australia:

- All vessel masters must answer health screening questions as part of their entry reporting.
- ABF and Biosecurity officers remain responsible for border clearance processes. Vessels that report ill persons with relevant symptoms will undergo a human health inspection by a Biosecurity Officer on arrival in Australia, and before the vessel is granted pratique.

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Crew members on a vessel:

- All crew must remain on-board while the vessel is berthed in Australia.
- Crew are able to disembark to conduct vessel functions and crew must wear personal protective equipment while performing these functions.
- Crew must also use personal protective equipment in public spaces on board the vessel whilst non-crew members are on board.
- These restrictions apply until 14 days has elapsed since the vessel departed the last port before Australia, unless crew are unwell or there is a suspected case of COVID-19 on-board.
- The period maritime crew spend at sea prior to their arrival in Australia counts towards the 14-day period of self-isolation. In practice, if a vessel has travelled for ten days since last being in a foreign port, the period of precautionary self-isolation for its crew members would be the remaining four days.
- Once the 14 days has elapsed and provided all crew are well and there is no sign of illness in any crew member, crew are permitted to take shore leave.
- Where a crew member is signing off a vessel (within the 14 day period) and remaining in Australia they must self-isolate at their accommodation for the remainder of the 14 day self-isolation period.
- Crew members departing Australia may proceed directly to the airport and depart; or they must self-isolate at their accommodation until the time they proceed to the airport.

Crew travelling to Australia (by aircraft) to join a vessel must adhere to the following arrangements:

- On arrival in Australia crew may take a domestic flight/s to their final destination to meet their vessel but must self-isolate at their accommodation if they have a layover at any time.
- Crew must proceed directly to the vessel or their accommodation.
- If not joining the vessel immediately, crew must self-isolate at their accommodation.
- Once on the vessel, crew members may leave the vessel to undertake vessel functions and must wear personal protective equipment while performing these functions.

International crew members joining a commercial vessel voyage are subject to a 14 day self-isolation period. Crew are permitted to transit through Australia but must remain in the port or airport, or self-isolate in accommodation for the duration of their transit. Crew must self-isolate at their final destination for the remainder of the 14 days.

Crew arriving in Australia are being urged to ensure they have a valid visa well ahead of their arrival, as the Department of Home Affairs Maritime Global Processing Centre (MGPC) will close for the Easter holiday from 4pm on Thursday 9 April until start of business on Tuesday 14 April. No Maritime Crew Visas (MCVs) will be processed during this period.

Applications for crew arriving in Australia on a vessel by sea should be lodged at least 14 days prior to departure from a port overseas in order to avoid any issues with delays to processing, crew travelling and/or arriving without visas, or associated punitive action.

This means applications should be lodged no later than Tuesday 24 March for crew intending to arrive in Australia from an overseas port between 9 and 14 April 2020.

The Australian Border Force will remain operational 24/7 basis over the holiday period.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, travel restrictions are in place for all travelers to Australia. For the latest information on these restrictions [click here](#).

23 March: Marine Safety Queensland (MSQ) and the Queensland State Government have softened their position in relation to the Port of Brisbane.

Due to different trade patterns for the port, it has been deemed appropriate to adopt the federal position for

the Port of Brisbane only (all other Queensland ports maintain the 14 day isolation policy for all vessels arriving from overseas).

This means that from Monday 23 March, vessels arriving at the Port of Brisbane, other than those arriving from China and South Korea, will be allowed to berth and commence cargo operations provided all non-essential crew remain on board and in self-isolation. Crew essential to the operations of the vessel will be permitted to carry out essential tasks provided they observe social distancing and wear appropriate PPE.

This is of course provided there is no sickness reported onboard.

April: The Australian Border Force have issued advice on restrictions on vessels and crew: <https://www.vicports.vic.gov.au/News/Pages/abf-restrictions-vessels-and-crew.aspx>

Maritime crew may enter and depart Australia.

Maritime crew are not subject to the mandatory 14-day quarantine however, they will be required to comply with self-isolation requirements set out in this advice.

Maritime crew may be subject to additional state and territory controls.

6 April: All States and Territories have differing regimes regarding crew changes. However, as of 6 April, the following will apply in Western Australia:

- When a ship (commercial or passenger) arrives at a Western Australia Port from an overseas location where they have transited international waters they are required to enter quarantine for 14 days if they disembark the ship.
- Disembarkation occurs when the person leaves the area under control of the Australian Border Force (ABF). They may remain on the dock to facilitate the preparation of the ship for further sea operations.
- When they leave the area of the dock surrounding the ship they are deemed to have disembarked and come within the State Emergency Declaration at which point they are required to quarantine for 14 days.
- If they have not been at sea for 14 days since their last port of departure they are not allowed to disembark the ship without entering into quarantine for 14 days.

## CURRENT EXCEPTIONS

If the voyage has been of a duration of 14 days or more since the last port of departure from an international destination and there is a crew change:

- An Authorised Person (Police /ABF) can provide a direction to the crew member to proceed to the nearest airport and depart immediately. (crew change / return to home)
- The crew member must have a ticket and travel directly to the airport.
- They are not to stop at any other locations and must follow all directions provided thereafter.

There are difficulties in procuring an international flight. Wherever possible, try to secure a direct international flight for departing crew rather than transiting through other Australian Airports. Restrictions on travel across State and Territory boundaries are currently in place and anyone crossing the border is required to enter into mandatory isolation at an approved facility / Hotel. It is unclear who is responsible for the costs of isolation.

Despite the COVID-19 outbreak, ports of the Azores Islands remain open for the following purpose of calls, to be authorised on a case-by-case basis:

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- Bunker calls
- Receiving spare parts
- Medical disembarkations (duly proven)
- Repairs
- Load/discharge operations

Crew not allowed to come ashore, unless for urgent medical attendance. No crew changes are authorised.

25 March: The port of Freeport, Grand Bahama – including Buckeye, Bahama Rock, Freeport Container Port (FCP) – is open for business, but subject to restrictions imposed by the Government to prevent the spread of COVID 19.

Grand Bahama Independent Pilots advise on the necessary precautions that must be adhered to in order to mitigate against the threat of transmission of the COVID-19 virus to our pilots during the various stages of the operation.

Prior to Pilot boarding

One hour before Pilot boards;

- Sanitize vessel's bridge and equipment including;
  - Radars
  - pilot chair
  - piloting stations and open bridge wings
  - consoles o binoculars
  - door handles
  - chart tables
  - bridge windows
- Advise Pilot or port officials on the health status of all persons on board; where there are ill persons aboard, the nature of the illness is to be disclosed.

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Whilst Pilot is boarding

- A further advisory to Pilot, via VHF radio, on the health status of all persons on board; where there are ill persons aboard, the nature of the illness is to be disclosed.
- All shipboard personnel to, as far as practicable, maintain a personal space of at least two (2) metres away from the pilot
- One-person only to escort the Pilot to the bridge
- Only the escort and Pilot to be in stairwell or ship's elevator when proceeding or departing the bridge

When Pilot on the vessel's bridge

- The Pilot will not greet any shipboard personnel with the customary handshake.
- Two (2) metre personal space to be borne in mind when completing Master/Pilot information

exchange.

- For the near future, whilst the Pilot remains obliged to inform on his name, he should not be mandated to sign any documents including;
  - Security logs
  - Pilot cards
  - Master/Pilot exchange forms
- Only essential members of the crew are to be present in the wheelhouse during the conduct of the manoeuvre all of whom must sanitize their hands
- Crew members and Pilots should avoid touching their own faces
- Hand sanitizing material should be made available to Pilot and crew when on the bridge.

Pilots will not board incoming vessels arriving within the last fourteen (14) days from our government-listed high-risk countries. Any vessel that has visited countries with a high incidence of the COVID-19 virus, less than fourteen days ago, would not be boarded. Additionally, where any crew member has joined the vessel within the last fourteen (14) days, Pilots will not be permitted aboard until further information on the specific crew is obtained and analyzed. We thank you for your assistance and understanding and we work to keep our Pilots and your vessel's complement safe during these uncertain times.

7 April: Emergency Order, "Emergency Powers (COVID 19) (NO. 2) Order, 2020," was announced by Prime Minister and on March 31, Preventative restrictions are being enforced to prevent further spread of COVID-19, including:

No visitor shall be permitted to enter and disembark for any reason including transiting through The Bahamas.

- All airports throughout the entire Bahamas, including private airports and fixed-base operations (FBOs), shall be closed to all flights.
- All sea ports shall be closed to regional and international seafaring and private boating.
- Air and sea restrictions do not apply to: cargo flights or cargo ships, commercial courier flights, emergency medical flights or emergency flights approved by the Civil Aviation Authority.
- All international visitors currently in The Bahamas should be prepared to stay for an indefinite period of time.
- The citizen's movement is restricted except for those who have been deemed essential workers, or have special permission from the Commissioner of Police or for essential provisions.
- Proper social distancing guidelines of at least six feet (6ft.) must be followed at all times while outside the home.



- Full details of this order and the previous Emergency Order may be found at [opmbahamas.com](http://opmbahamas.com).

### Chittagong

Circular dated 30.01.2020 issued by Chittagong Port Authority states that in order to prevent the Coronavirus in the country, all the Shipping Agents will have to provide information stating that "Ship's Master and his Crew members are free from Coronavirus" at the time of giving declaration of arrival of the vessel. The Radio Control will confirm this with the Master on arrival of the vessel at outer anchorage and then will record the same in the "Fresh Arrival Book". Chittagong Port Authority announce suspension of crew changes of Merchant Ships calling at Chittagong Port for eight (8) weeks from 21 March. If a crew change is unavoidable, a 14 day self-isolation period is required. Foreign ships arriving at the Chattogram port will be quarantined for 16 days. If the ship does not take 16 days after leaving a foreign port, it will have to wait at outer anchorage of Chattogram port to complete the quarantine period. **Mongla** Masters of all vessels calling at Mongla Port must submit before arrival at Fairway Buoy:

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- 'De-ratting' Exemption Certificate
- Free Pratique Certificate
- Master's declaration that the onboard crew are free from Coronavirus
- From 19 March, shore passes will not be issued for any crew on board ships calling at Mongla Port. It has also been notified that crew change have been suspended and joining crew will not be permitted to enter Port Area/ Premises. Thus crew change at Mongla Port is no longer possible

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25 March: The Ministry of Industries, Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh has imposed BAN on importation of any Scrap/Demolition Vessel and opening of Letter of Credit effective from 23.03.2020 till 07.04.2020.

27 March: The Department of Shipping, issued detailed guidance for ships calling at Chittagong, Payra and Mongla ports. It includes requirements and the Maritime Declaration of Health form which must be forwarded at least 72 hours prior arrival of the vessel at the port. If the maritime declaration of health given by the master is found to be incorrect and not reflecting the factual conditions of health of persons on board the vessel, the master is liable to be prosecuted as per applicable laws.

15 March: Nationals and persons who have traveled within the last 30 days from China, Hong Kong, Iran, Japan, South Korea, and Europe will be prohibited entry into Belize.

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7 April: All borders were closed on 21 March for a period of 30 days. Since 23 March, Philip Goldson International Airport has been closed to international passenger flights.

A curfew is in effect from 20:00 to 05:00.

Antwerp: All incoming ships must present a Maritime Declaration of Health (MDH), which the master must submit 24 hours before entering the port, stating whether there are any actual or suspected cases of illness on board together with a list of the last ten ports. The ship is checked for this by Saniport. If there are any suspicions, the ship may be obliged to remain off the coast and a doctor may go on board. The ship will not get a pilot and will not be permitted to enter port.

The Port of Antwerp Covid-19 Taskforce [has] confirmed on 23 March that the port remains 100% operational thanks to the daily efforts and commitment of all employees.

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Handling on the terminals is going ahead normally, there is sufficient manpower available to deal with cargo, and drivers are arriving and departing without too much delay.

However, several points for attention are being monitored, including:

- The different approaches of Belgium and the Netherlands. Port of Antwerp is served by Flemish and Dutch pilots. The Dutch position starts from a controlled contamination, while the Flemish standard is much stricter.
- Manpower: at the moment everything is under control. The availability and allocation of employees is essential for correct functioning of all port services. In addition, fall-back scenarios are being drawn up to assure continuity of service.

20 March: The Benin government has decided to restrict entry and exit at its land borders, effective from 19 March. Only crossing judged necessary will be allowed. Quarantine will be automatically applied to any person attempting to not follow the restrictions.

Visas will be restricted. Government reserved their rights to denied visa to any applicants as from now until further notice.

All travelers arriving in Benin by flight will be conveyed automatically and compulsorily to quarantine zones for 14 days. Quarantine zones are hotels requisitioned by government. Quarantine costs are on foreign travelers' account.

26 March: Cotonou port is still working 24/24 for the moment, vessels still enter the port and continue working but crew changes are not allowed for any vessels alongside or at the anchorage.

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Stevedores are advised by the Port Authorities to wear protective gloves and masks and restrict their contact with the crew to the strict minimum – also hands washing from time to time is recommended.

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All maritime agencies, banks and government offices are working.

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28 March: All Masters of vessels calling Cotonou port must transmit to the following documents to Harbour Master through their appointed ship agent, 48 hours prior to vessel arrival at Cotonou Roads:

- 10 last port of call list
- Memorandum stating the whole crew health status
- Crew list (Crew list must show place and date of embarkation)

No vessel is allowed to berth without transmission of the listed documents above during the period stated above.

After vessel berthing, sanitary officials will board for health and sanitary inspection. No person allowed to board the vessel or disembark from the vessel prior to completion of the sanitary inspection and delivery of free pratique by sanitary officials. Cargo operations will commence only after free pratique duly is delivered to vessel.

During a call at Cotonou port:

- Crew members are no longer allowed to go ashore; the delivery of shore passes is suspended.
- All crew or passengers who embarked a vessel less than 14 days prior vessel arrival/berthing at Cotonou port should be self-isolated, quarantined and remain on board until the vessel leaves Cotonou port.
- Crew change (crew embarkation & disembarkation) at berth or anchorage is suspended until further notice.
- Cruise and passenger vessels port calls are no longer allowed until further notice.

31 March: The port is open and operates 24/7 and there is no lack of stevedores

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Bermuda closed its borders to non-residents from 19 March for two weeks. International flights were suspended until 6 April.

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Bonaire does not present a confirmed case with COVID-19 infection.

As a preventive measure, the authorities decided to close the airspace until April 10 for all passenger flights from Europe and other countries that present a high risk of spread of the coronavirus, such as: The Netherlands and other countries of the European Union, the United Kingdom, Norway, Switzerland, Iceland, Liechtenstein, China, Iran, South Korea and the United States.

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An additional Marine Health Declaration form has to be submitted in addition to standard pre-arrival docs.

Passengers ships calls are temporarily suspended. Cargo-, repair-, bunker-, load/discharge calls remain possible as normal. Off port attendance to remain as normal (exception: crew changes). All ports in Bonaire are open as normal.

Bonaire residents currently in the Netherlands cannot return until further notice.

SAPIC	Law firm SMA have provided advice on what to expect from Brazilian authorities should infection be suspected on board
Brazil P&I	Proinde have a dedicated webpage for latest news: <a href="https://proinde.com.br/news/coronavirus-preventive-health-measures-in-brazilian-ports-and-airports/">https://proinde.com.br/news/coronavirus-preventive-health-measures-in-brazilian-ports-and-airports/</a>
Brazmar	20 March: Referring port operations, the Ministry of Infrastructure classified logistics services as essential for the country, reporting that measures will be adopted to safeguard the stevedores and workers on site, guaranteeing the vessels operations.
SMA	The health authorities' procedures remain the same, with the master reporting medical conditions on board upon arrival at anchorage, aiming to obtain the free pratique. Vessel's with possible cases of Coronavirus, will be submitted to quarantine and the infected crewmember moved to a hospital for treatment.
Proinde P&I	<a href="#">SMA Client Alert</a>
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<a href="#">ANVISA Technical Note 34 (English)</a>	27 March: ANVISA Technical Note 47 and the National Commission of Authorities in Ports – CONAPORTOS Resolution No.2 (both kindly translated by Brazmar) which includes detailed guideline with measures to be adopted for the control and prevention of SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19), as applicable to ports and vessels.
<a href="#">ANVISA Technical Note 47</a>	Proinde P&I summarise ANVISA Technical Note 47 as follows:
<a href="#">ANVISA Technical Note 47 (English)</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Maritime Declaration of Health must be carefully filled out by the master and reviewed by the authority before health clearance</li> <li>• Cargo vessels arriving from abroad will only be able to berth and operate provided no crewmember disembarks for 14 days from the date of vessel's departure from the last port of call abroad, except where the landing of a crewmember is essential to the operation</li> <li>• In case of a COVID-19 health event on board during the journey or during the vessel's stay in the port: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ the crew will not be able to disembark for another 14 days from the onset of symptoms of the last case, except for medical assistance</li> <li>○ the free pratique will only be granted after a satisfactory sanitary inspection</li> <li>○ the infected crewmember should be isolated, ideally in a cabin, and wear a medical mask. ANVISA will determine whether the infected person will be quarantined aboard or moved to a referral hospital</li> <li>○ vessels with cases of COVID-19 will not be allowed to leave the port</li> </ul> </li> <li>• During the port stay, the crews should keep minimum contact and a two-metre distance from the</li> </ul>
<a href="#">CONAPORTES Resolution No.2</a>	
<a href="#">CONAPORTES Resolution No.2 (English)</a>	
<a href="#">Brazil P&amp;I Circular on Digitized Documents</a>	



- port workers, pilots and other shore visitors
- Persons working on or visiting foreign vessels, including shore workers and pilots, should wear PPE as directed by ANVISA
  - Supply of water and stores and removal of solid residues and effluents require ANVISA prior approval
  - Renewal (or extension) of ship sanitation certificates must be arranged well in advance of the expiration date due to ongoing disruptions in public services.

31 March: Proinde P&I advise that:

- Operations at Brazilian public and private ports and cargo handling facilities continue without disruptions other than the reduction of the labour force, particularly in administrative routines.
- Disinfection and heightened safety and health protocols are in place in most private and public ports.
- Despite the slowdown in the workforce in public administration and regulatory agencies, no significant problems related to the clearance and delivery of overseas cargoes have been sensed so far.
- Customs-bonded ports and terminals are operating without congestions beyond usual, while cargo transport in the cabotage and inland waterways remains undisturbed.
- On 26 March 2020, the government placed an exceptional 30-day ban, with immediate effect, on the disembark of all foreign crewmembers arriving at Brazilian ports and points of entry, except those seeking medical assistance or in an air connection to their country of origin.

In view of the temporary prohibition of entry by air of non-resident foreign nationals imposed on 27 March and beginning on 30 March 2020, embark of crewmembers in Brazil will also not be possible for at least the next 30 days.

2 April: Brazil P&I issue a circular is intended to provide guidance and recommendation regarding the acceptance of digitalized documents according to new Brazilian legislation, Decree 10.278, from 18 March 2020.

3 April, Promare reported on the impacts of Covid-19 in the Brazilian North and Northeast Ports of Brazil, highlighting that the cancellation of flights was beginning to impact on pilotage services in the North region, mainly in Santana, Santarém and Macapá. This issue will directly impact the grain and fertilizer market that use the logistics of the Northern Arc, due to probable delays on the port of Santarém.

The pilot company from Pilotage Zone 1 (UNIPILLOT) has formally advised that in case there are no pilots available in Fazendinha (which is the entrance to the Amazon Port Region) for the manoeuvre towards the loading berth, the Shipping Agency requesting the service will have to pay for the chartered flight for the 2 pilots. After bringing the vessel to the inner anchorage/ berth, the 2 pilots will wait in the city for 36 hours in order to attend any immediate demands, such as shifting vessels to berth, unberthing to inner anchorage, or even bringing another vessel to Fazendinha to exit the Amazon Region. When the vessel operation is completed, if there are pilots available, they will board the vessel without extra costs. If not, there will be extra costs again to bring other 2 pilots for sailing procedures to the city.

Pilotage information is that when the use of chartered flights is necessary, the costs will be relayed to the Owners/Charterers of the vessels. Estimated flight prices:

*Belém/Macapá/Belém | Time of Flight: 00:50 | Cost: R\$ 13.318,00*

*Belém/Santarém/Belém | Time of Flight: 01:45 | Cost: R\$ 26.875,15*

*Macapá/Santarém/Macapá | Time of Flight: 01:15 | Cost: R\$ 18.747,49*

*Belém/Manaus/Belém | Time of Flight: 03:15 | Cost: R\$ 49.140,00*

Due to all this situation, the schedule of manoeuvres of pilots in the North region, mainly in Santarém (at the CDP and Cargill terminals) is expected to suffer major delays.

Bulgaria	Kalimbassieris Maritime  AqualisBraemar	31- Mar	<p>12 March: Checks on board to be carried out by Border Health Inspectors. Agents requested to relay the Bulgarian state ban on crew coming ashore as well as contact between crew/passengers be limited to the bare minimum, till expiry of incubation period of 14 days. Cargo operations and repairs are allowed on the basis of minimal contact and obligatory PPE. In practice, there is no explicit requirement for ships to await the incubation period of 14 day at roads. There are no companies able to carry out disinfection on board.</p> <p>30 March: AqualisBraemar report that ports and yards are working as normal with Covid-19 measures taken. There is still no restriction to attend to vessels at ports and yards subject to attending surveyor taking necessary safety measures and if the vessel is allowed for boarding after a 14 days quarantine period.</p>
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A notice has been issued by the Port of Douala that advises of following measures to be taken:

Cameroon	Ivory P&I  <a href="#"><u>Port of Doula Communique</u></a>	24- Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vessels from “countries at risk” must wait at base buoy for a minimum of 14 days before being allowed to proceed into the channel</li> <li>• After 14 days, port health service will board vessel at base buoy to consider clearance</li> <li>• Upon berthing, the port health service will be the first to board. Other administrations and services must wait for free pratique before boarding</li> <li>• Deliveries to the vessel at base buoy is prohibited</li> <li>• Crew changes must be carried out under full supervision of port health service</li> </ul>
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Cameroon closed its borders to all passengers from 18 March 2020. Announcing the measures, Prime Minister Joseph Dion Ngute said: “All passenger flights from abroad will be suspended except for cargo flights and ships carrying daily consumer goods as well as essential goods and materials, whose stopover times will be limited and supervised.”

21 March: Transport Canada have issued a Ship Safety Bulletin confirming that marine crew are deemed essential, and that foreign seafarers who have to travel to Canada to work on a ship are exempt from the prohibition of entry into Canada introduced as part of the measures taken in light of COVID-19.

When flying into Canada, such seafarers must have in their possession a seafarer identity document issued in accordance with the Seafarers' Identity Documents Convention, 2003 (ILO Convention No 185) supplemented by a passport; or other seafarer documentation, including proof of employment by a vessel operating out of a Canadian port; and a visa, if required.

25 March: Transport Canada has confirmed that Canadian ports will remain open for ships and cargo

Transport Canada has established several health and safety measures, including:

- Limiting capacity on domestic and transborder ferries
- Advising passengers to practice social distancing
- Requiring seafarers showing COVID-19 symptoms to go into isolation

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Canada Border Services Agency has added additional processes at every port for processing travellers and workers, which is leading to operational slowdowns.

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31 March: Transport Canada has created a website that provides updates on transportation-related measures it has taken in response to COVID-19 <https://www.tc.gc.ca/en/initiatives/covid-19-measures-updates-guidance-tc.html>

GAC have provided extracts from Transport Canada Special Marine Security Notification No: 2020-006:

- As per the Quarantine Act, prior to arrival of a vessel at its destination in Canada, the vessel operator must inform a quarantine officer, or cause a quarantine officer to be informed if any person, cargo or other things on board the conveyance could cause the spreading of a communicable disease (such as COVID-19).
- Foreign and Canadian flagged vessels are to pay particular attention to ensuring that all required components of the 96 Pre-Arrival Information Report (PAIR) and 24 Hour Report are completed in accordance with section 221 of the Marine Transportation Security Regulations (MTSR).
- Reporting of illnesses aboard a vessel to the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) should be made through the existing PAIR reporting process to Transport Canada Marine Safety and Security

(TCMSS).

- Based on that information provided, PHAC will provide follow-on direction to the vessel.
- In the event that PHAC determines a crew member or passenger onboard a vessel to be at risk, notification will be provided to other (this may include but is not limited to the CBSA, CCG, TC Marine Safety, and appropriate pilotage and port authorities).
- Should a vessel have an ill or symptomatic crew member or passenger after having arrived in Canada, Masters should inform the appropriate local health authority and the ship's agent for further direction.
- Ships' agents are asked to inform the applicable pilotage authority of the state of the ship's health when requesting pilots for harbour movements or for the outbound passage.
- Vessel Masters with crew members and passengers symptomatic of the Coronavirus are to advise Transport Canada Marine Safety and Security following transmission of the 96 hour PAIR.
- Anyone who had close contact with someone who has or is suspected to have COVID-19 must self-isolate for 14 days. Self-isolate means that, for 14 days, they need to:
  - Stay at home (or aboard vessel) and monitor yourself for symptoms, even if mild
  - Avoid contact with other people to help prevent transmission of the virus at the earliest stage of illness.

1 April: AqualisBraemar advise that:

- Canadian ports remain open. The Canadian government has confirmed the importance of the shipping industry as vital to the economy by keeping ports open and facilitating shipping activity. There are, however, precautions which must be taken.
- Drydock and repair facilities are working on reduced manning / split shifts to enable social distancing. Most remain open, but delays in repair and construction work are expected.

7 April: Transport Canada has issued a Ship Safety Bulletin giving guidance on the mobility of asymptomatic workers in the marine sector during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Exemption is granted allowing Marine Sector Workers who have to travel to Canada to perform their duties, to board an international flight destined to Canada.
- No traveller can board a flight/enter Canada if they have a fever and cough or a fever and breathing difficulties.
- Asymptomatic crew are also permitted to transit to the nearest airport for the purpose of crew change-over.
- Anyone who has close contact with someone who has or is suspected to have COVID-19 must self-

isolate for 14 days. Operators should arrange local transport for crew members that avoids large groups, crowded areas, and public transit.

- For shore leave for seafarers onboard foreign vessels, at Canadian ports, terminals and marine facilities, until 30 June 2020, symptomatic and asymptomatic foreign nationals (except those exempted) may not enter Canada if shore leave is considered discretionary.
- Essential shore leave may be granted to an asymptomatic seafarer and is not to exceed four hours in duration.
- Crew onboard Canadian domestic vessels should follow the advice of their employer and local health officials.
- A complete ban on shore leave in the Canadian Arctic is in effect until December 31, 2020. Crews that are residents of Arctic and northern communities could be exempt.

18 February: The only preventive measures regard the protection of personnel at the country's immigration points.

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Apr 2 April: JRR Abogados advise of recent transitory measure implemented by Customs through its Resolution 1179, whereby it has authorised electronic exchanges and amendments to bills of lading. There are several greys areas regarding its interpretation and practical implementation, including with regard to potential delivery of cargo without surrender of the original bill of lading.

Huatai summarises the protection and control measures implemented by the port Authorities of each major Chinese port:

### Health declarations

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- Tianjin and Xiamen Health Declaration Form is required before vessel's berthing.
- Dalian the Customs officers will attend on board the vessel and take temperature of each crew.
- Vessels with crew from Wuhan or Hubei Province on board would be monitored especially, in Putian and Quanzhou of Fujian Province the vessel may not be allowed to take berth. In Ningbo the vessel probably has to be isolated for 14 days before taking berth.
- Substitution of crew is limited. Shanghai, Xiamen, Ningbo, Tianjin, Dalian forbidden by the port Authorities. Qingdao and Guangzhou forbidden in principle, unless under some special circumstances.
- Crew disembarkation is strictly restricted by all ports
- During berth in the port, the crew should take preventive measures. Dalian, Xiamen, Guangzhou: The crew must wear a facial mask when they have contact with others in the port. In Tianjin, the crew must wear a facial mask and temperature test should be taken every day. When any crew has fever, the Customs should be informed immediately.

### Port congestion / port operation

- The loading/discharging operation slow down due to lack of stevedores
- The land transportation of cargo into the port or from the port is insufficient since trucks without local license are restricted to enter into the port area.
- As vessels are restricted to call at Wuhan port, transshipment of cargo by inland river feeder vessels in and out the ports in the Yangtze River is affected.
- Ports affected: Shanghai, Tianjin, Huanghua, Lianyungang, Jingtang and Caofeidian
- Ports not affected: Dalian, Qingdao, Xiamen and Guangzhou

### Supply of Provisions

Generally speaking, supply of provisions to foreign vessels is not restricted.

- Tianjin: Demand of Supply of Provisions be declared 24 hours in advance.
- Qingdao and ports nearby: Has limit to some of the provisions. Please check with local agents.

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- Dalian: The provisions should be quarantined by Customs as usual.

### **Ship Repair**

Due to lack of workers, the schedule of ship repair might be affected.

- Zhoushan as the local Government restricted the entrance of vehicles with license of other places and people from other places, the efficiency of the shipyards in Zhoushan decreased substantially.

### **Cargo Preparing**

Some exported cargo could not be delivered to the loading ports in time due to transportation restriction in and out of Hubei Province. It is reported that China Council for the Promotion of International Trade would offer force majeure certificates to local companies, if they are unable to fulfil their international contractual obligations due to the coronavirus outbreak.

2 March: Guidance was issued by the MSA of the People's Republic of China on March 2, 2020: Operational Guidance for Ships and Seafarers for prevention and Control of COVID- 19 Epidemic. It is with reference to the WHO and IMO Guidance on the prevention and control of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic on ships, and based on the practical experience of shipping companies on the prevention and control of the epidemic. The Guidance aims to provide advice for the prevention and control of COVID-19 epidemic on ships and guidance for the personal protection of crew.

20 March: the Shanghai authorities responsible for such matters issued a notice regarding new requirements and procedures to be followed making it possible in certain circumstances for crew change to take place at Shanghai port.

For ships not arriving from a “severe outbreak” country, crew changes can be arranged in the normal manner. However, if the ship is arriving from a “severe outbreak” country, crew changes should be minimized as much as possible, but are still possible subject to necessary quarantine measures. Currently, 24 countries are on the “severe outbreak” list which includes South Korea, Italy, Iran, Japan, France, Spain, Germany, USA, UK, Switzerland, Sweden, Belgium, Norway, Denmark, Netherland, Austria, Australia, Malaysia, Greece, Czech Republic, Finland, Qatar, Canada, Saudi Arabia. This list is subject to update according to development globally.



31 March: AqualisBraemar advise that entry into China by foreigners is strictly prohibited including those with business visas, permanent residence status and green card holders (10 year visas) until further notice. All Chinese Nationals returning to China have to undergo 14 days quarantine. All expats and Chinese nationals must register for a QR Code that indicates their status in real time (updated to the minute). The QR Code categories are green (safe to travel and well / infectious free) orange (have travelled on same public transport or been in the vicinity of somebody who has been infected) or red (presently in 14 day quarantine but not yet showing symptoms, or have symptoms).

2 April: Oasis P&I advise on Chinese crew change requirements, setting out the procedures as follows:

### **Embarking crewmembers**

- The ship owner needs to declare the embarking crewmember's health condition in the past 14 days to the local authorities where the crew change is going to take place and submit a Health Record Form together with the application.
- If the application is approved, then the ship owner can proceed and arrange embarkation.
- If the travel from the crewmember's living place to the ship is all in low risk areas, they can embark the vessel directly; otherwise they may need to be quarantined at the port for observation.

### **Disembarking crewmembers**

- The ship owner also needs to submit a Health Record Form to the local authorities for any disembarking crewmembers together with the application.
- If the crewmember is reported to be in good health condition and health authorities' boarding inspection confirms so:
  - in case 14 days have elapsed since the ship departed the last foreign port, they can disembark the vessel without restriction or isolation.
  - in case it has been less than 14 days, the crewmember should be quarantined upon disembarkation until 14 days have elapsed since the ship departed the last foreign port, either at home or at a designated place for observation in line with requirement of the local authorities.
- If the crewmember shows any suspected symptoms, then the crew change should be suspended immediately, and virus prevention and control protocols shall be followed.
- If the crewmember is found to be asymptotically infected, the prevailing protocol made by the relevant authorities shall be followed.
- Apart from the above Chinese crew change procedures, promulgated in recent notices, MOT will:

- continue to suspend crew changes of foreign national crew members on foreign flagged ships in Chinese ports.

strictly forbid internationally trading cargo ships which are carrying people onboard, other than its crew, from entering into Chinese ports. Before entering into Chinese waters, following departure from a foreign port of call, the master should submit a statement to local maritime authorities at the port of destination to confirm that the ship is not carrying any person other than its crew.

19 March: Measure taken by the Colombian Maritime Authority – inspections to the merchant ships will entail an exhaustive verification by the port health authority (first authority to board the ship) on the health condition of the seafarers that have recently been in Asian ports.

Closed maritime, land and river crossings of the borders with the Republic of Panama, Republic of Ecuador, Republic of Peru and the Federative Republic of Brazil from 00:00 on 17 March 2020 until 30 May 2020.

The following are excepted from the closing of the maritime, terrestrial and fluvial border crossings:

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1. Transits that must be carried out for reasons of fortuitous events or force majeure.
2. Carriage of cargo.

7April: Mandatory Preventive Isolation or quarantine is established for all the inhabitants of the country till 13 April, limiting free movement of people and vehicles in the national territory, with exceptions that seek to guarantee the right to life, health and survival of the country's inhabitants.

During this period, domestic air transport is suspended, being limited to cases of humanitarian emergency, transport of cargo and merchandise, and in fortuitous cases or force majeure. International air operations are

fully enabled but there are restrictions on the entry of passengers and flights from abroad. Likewise, there is the temporary suspension of flights from some countries such as: Italy, Spain, Chile and Peru. Similarly, flights to different countries are still allowed, with the aim that foreign citizens can return to their places of origin.

With respect to other means of transport, it is indicated that the public service of land, cable, river and sea passenger transport, postal services and parcel distribution must be guaranteed in the national territory, which are strictly necessary to prevent, mitigate and attend to the health emergency due to the coronavirus COVID-19.

It is highlighted that among the exceptions established in the Decree, the activities of the ports of public and private service are exclusively for cargo transportation. Free Pratique will be subject to Sanitation officer's approval. Health declaration is requested and must be sent on daily basis and three (3) hours before ship's arrival. No cruise vessel are allowed. No shore leave. The local agent at some ports are only allowed to board during clearing of vessel and carry out the key meeting, further assistance by agent will continue in a remote way.

There is a ban on any type of gathering and the government imposed closing of mosques throughout the territory.

Air links are suspended except on aircraft transporting cargoes.

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The ports are operational without any restriction and work normally.

There are no measures prohibiting the access of guard team or sick seaman in the country.

Ports are open to container ships and general cargo ships but are closed to passenger's vessel.

Ports (Matadi, Boma and Banana) are operational as usual with precaution against contamination of the COVID-19. For the time being, there is no lack of stevedores. They are working 24/7.

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1- Apr With the closure of borders, crew change or repatriation is prevented until further notice. Crew members have to fill in forms on their itinerary. Crew members suspected will be transferred at special hospital for additional medical analysis by health professionals. Crew members tested positive will be retained for appropriate care. Crew members have to remain on board during the stay of the vessel alongside only in case of sickness.

On March 20, 2020, Cuban Authorities established the “National Plan for Prevention and Confrontation of COVID-19” which involved the measures to prevent the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), among others, the prohibition of entry of any alien citizen; only residents of the country are allowed to enter, and upon arrival must maintain a mandatory two-week quarantine. Tourists who still remain on the island are advised to leave.

March 31, 2020, the government announced the suspension of international charter and commercial flights for a period of 30 days. Only international connecting flights passing to the island are permitted for the departure of foreigners.

Cuba

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Mandatory quarantine has not been announced or decreed, but it did decide to close schools and banned inter-province transportation and public events. Some neighbourhoods are isolated due to the quantity of confirm cases.

The measures adopted do not affect the arrival of cargo ships but preventive actions indicated in the National Plan will be taken, the protocol start prior the arrival of the vessel which consist on verified the last port of call, an interview with the Master with the support of the local bodies of the International Health Control following the provisions of the World Health Organization (WHO). Authorities must be notified previously in case of any crew member contagion on board. Extra measures with the corresponding protective equipment for pilots, customs and immigrations officer and other visitors are applied.

The permanence or entry into Cuban territorial waters of sport, pleasure or passenger ships are not allowed.

Latest directive was issued by the Ministry of Health today and comes into effect as from tomorrow, 14th March which provides as follows:

Category 1: Mandatory quarantine, under medical supervision, at their home (if available) or at a place designated by the Ministry of Health for 14 days after departure from any of the below countries irrespective of any apparent symptoms:

- Hubei Province of China
- Italy
- Iran
- Republic of Korea.

Category 2: Self-isolation and telephone surveillance at their home or place designated by the Ministry of Health (avoiding close contact and travel, observing basic hygiene rules, monitoring and reporting symptoms at hotline 1420) for 14 days after departure from the following countries:

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Cyprus	Elias Marine Consultants Ltd	18- Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• China (excluding Hubei Province)</li><li>• Japan</li><li>• Hong Kong</li><li>• Germany</li><li>• France</li><li>• Spain</li><li>• Greece (Territory of Achaia, Ilias and Zakynthos)</li><li>• United Kingdom</li><li>• Switzerland</li></ul>
	EMCO Group		

Category 3: Self-monitoring (with instructions for adhering to basic hygiene rules and restricting travel to the most necessary) and in the event of symptoms to call hotline at 1420, for 14 days after leaving the following countries:

- Greece (excluding Achaia, Iliia and Zakynthos)
- Netherlands
- Sweden
- Belgium
- Singapore

The Directive provides that all passengers in categories 1 and 2 will be directed to the doctor's airport office whereas at ports self-isolation will be limited to cabins.

Given the above any passengers / crew arriving from Italy will not be disembarked unless the 14 day period has passed, irrespective of any sign of symptoms. No directive or law has been issued by the Authorities with respect to "detaining" a vessel. Although a vessel may be cleared in (given that no physical contact is required to clear her in) the crew / passengers arriving from countries in categories 1 and 2 will not be permitted to disembark unless the measures contained in the directive are complied with. Once the 14 days have passed then the crew / passengers can be disembarked.

Please also note that agents have also been requested to provide a questionnaire to crew and passengers for completion prior to entry and submission the Authorities.

All borders with the Turkish occupied territory of Cyprus have closed until further notice.

As of 16 March 2020 (18:00 hours) until 30 April 2020, entry into Cyprus will only be permitted to citizens – regardless of nationality – who fall into the following categories provided that they hold a medical certificate confirming that they are free of the virus (issued within 4 days prior to the date of travel). Such certificate may only be obtained from designated centres in each country. Furthermore, upon arrival to Cyprus such persons will be quarantined for a period of 14 days in government quarantine facilities. It should be noted however, that practical difficulties in many countries are inhibiting the issuing of the required medical certificates thereby making travelling to Cyprus almost impossible.

- Cypriot citizens.
- Legal residents in the Republic of Cyprus.
- European nationals or third-country nationals working in the Republic.
- Nationals of countries who are in a designated diplomatic service or mission under bilateral or international conventions.
- Individual cases of European nationals or third-country nationals for unavoidable professional obligations, provided that the relevant authorization has been obtained from the competent Ministry.
- European or third country citizens attending educational institutions in the Republic of Cyprus.

Courts are permitting entry to their premises for urgent matters only and most hearings have been postponed.

All surveyors and agents have been advised by the Cyprus Ports Authority that they are not permitted to go

onboard vessels if they can carry out their work electronically (e.g. dealing with forms). Those who must attend onboard (e.g. for loading/discharge operations, taking samples etc) must do so only once the Master confirms in writing to the relevant port authority that the crew will be isolated and kept away from those going onboard.

No crew changes are permitted (embarkation / disembarkation) within the territorial waters of the Republic of Cyprus.

After 03:00 hours on 21 March 2020, Cyprus will come under a “flights shut down” mode for 14 days, although empty flights shall continue so that persons wishing to leave Cyprus may depart.



A detailed description about the consequences of closing the borders for all foreigner, not having a valid documented reason for entry into the Kingdom of Denmark until April 13th , the Danish Police have published a QA, it can be found on the following link: <https://politi.dk/en/corona-virus-covid-19-in-denmark/faq-of-the-ministry-of-foreign-affairs-of-denmark>

It is important to note, that the logistical supply chain is still open with no trading restrictions. As such, as far as that is concerned, it is business as normal.

Denmark      DUPI Copenhagen

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Mar 25 March: The port of Esbjerg reports challenges with storage places, as loads of goods get delivered to port, however that some ships are delayed or postponed. The large number of goods, could be do the suppliers fear, that their goods cannot be delivered to port.

There are challenges to get people off the vessels from anchorage, and taken to hospital. However, so far with our involvement we succeed to get this done, with the assistance of the authorities.

Djibouti currently is under a 14 days lockdown since 24th March 2020. Most of activities have significantly scaled down, while the restricted movement of people within the country has been limited.

Djibouti ports are opened and operate as usual, however the activities within ports have reduced. Surveyors are also allowed to move to and from ports without any restrictions provided they have valid port access cards.

Once vessels arrive in Djibouti waters they remain at Anchorage until all crews on board are tested for COVID-19 by local health officers, and free pratique granted by same quarantine officers, after which the vessel is allowed to berth subject to berths availability.

Once the vessels berth alongside port piers/berths, shore people (stevedore, surveyors, agents etc.) are only allowed to board the vessels when they are in facial masks, medical gloves, and goggles.

Stevedore are available but not always adequate – as it was the case before outbreak of the pandemic.

Crews are not subjected to any discrimination and are treated with dignity and respect, although for now they are not allowed to be disembarked for treatment ashore. Crew change is also prevented at the moment as the government has suspended international flights (arrivals and departures) since March the 18th 2020 until further notice.

There are disinfectants / cleaning liquid soaps placed inside washrooms /toilets at designated normal locations within ports. Shore people do not wash /sanitize their hands during their entry to ports and such cleaning/sanitization are done by shore people within ports on a voluntary basis.

Djibouti

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16 March: all travel to and from China is banned. Arriving passengers must complete a health declaration form and be screened for elevated body temperature. Anyone showing flu-like symptoms or who has been to an affected area in the past 14 days may be placed in 14-day home quarantine.

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7 April: All ports of entry are closed to passengers until further notice. No airlines or ferries are operating into Dominica with passengers. Only air and sea cargo are allowed, with exceptions for aircraft, ships or other vessels carrying (a) citizens of Dominica (b) resident diplomats (c) medical personnel or (d) any other authorised persons.

A nightly curfew is in effect from 18:00 to 06:00, and a weekend curfew from 18:00 on Friday to 06:00 on Monday.

The National Epidemiological Monitoring System (SINAVE) must be notified of any person presenting symptoms of the virus. Notification to the National Liaison Center for International Health Regulations (CNE-DIGEPI) could be performed by telephone, any day of the week, from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at 1-(809) 686-9140 or toll free at 1-(809) 200-4091, from 8:00 pm to 8:00 am, also via mobile phone (829)-542-7009.

17 March:

1. Cruise ships are not being allowed to dock in Dominican ports for the period of 30 days as of today 16th March 2020.

2. All flights inbound and outbound are suspended between the Dominican Republic and Europe, China, South Korea and Iran for the period of 30 days as of 16 March 2020.

8- Apr 3. A quarantine requirement is being imposed for visitors who have been in any of the above listed countries during the previous two weeks.

4. Health screenings have been placed at airports and all arriving passengers must complete a travel history form.

5. Ships cargo operations are being carried out normally at all ports for now. We strongly recommend that all crew must stay on board.

7 April: Borders are closed to foreign nationals until at least 12 April.

A curfew is in effect from 17:00 to 06:00 until at least 18 April. Non-essential businesses have been closed, and residents are urged to remain in their homes except for essential purposes.

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- the Terminals are working 24/7 as usual although the response for vessel's requests / operations are a bit delayed (if they took 24 hours to attend, now it could take 48 hours due to the restrictions imposed by government that affects mobilization of people, shortage in personnel (some are infected, others isolated), etc.
- there are strict measures in place at terminals to avoid spreading the virus: people on board should disembark only for essential things, using mask and gloves
- the authorities in charge of receiving the ships are not attending in person, but doing the diligence electronically or by phone, in order to minimize the amount of people that are obliged to go on board.

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| Egypt | Kalimbassieris<br>Maritime | 8-<br>Apr | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All vessels arriving for Suez Canal Transit and/or entering Egyptian Ports will be subject to the examination by the Medical Quarantine. Special attention will be given to those vessels coming from Chinese ports and/or any other hot spots.</li> <li>• All vessels calling Egyptian waters to provide the following documents, together with relevant entrance application, prior to the vessel's entry and berthing at the port: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Crew list</li> <li>o Passenger list (tourism)</li> <li>o Last 10 port of call list</li> <li>o Narcotics list</li> <li>o Maritime declaration of health</li> <li>o Vaccination list</li> </ul> </li> <li>• If any crew members are suspected of being infected or any actual case is detected, the vessel will be held from transiting the Canal or entering the ports.</li> <li>• Personnel dealing with those vessels (including but not limited to; pilots, agencies, mooring crew, etc.) will be recorded by the Medical quarantine, and will have a permit to board (confirming that they are free from inspection), it is also possible that they will be further examined/monitored upon disembarking.</li> <li>• Egyptian ports are open but are implementing precautionary and preventative measures.</li> <li>• So far there have been no reports of disruption to shipping through the Suez Canal. The east side of Port Said is closed, while the west side remains open with limited operations.</li> <li>• The port of Alexandria is only accepting vessels to discharge cargoes and the port of Damietta is restricted to container ship activity only.</li> <li>• Surveyors have not been told of any restrictions imposed on boarding vessels to carry out surveys.</li> <li>• Most law courts are closed for two weeks to promote social distancing</li> </ul> <p>18 March: All agents have been instructed to notify the health authorities if there is any intention to sign on or sign off of any crew in the ports of Alexandria, Dekheila or Abu Qir in relation to any crew from the following countries:</p> |
|       | MESCO                      |           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• China,</li> <li>• Taiwan,</li> <li>• Japan</li> <li>• Malaysia</li> <li>• Vietnam,</li> <li>• South Korea,</li> <li>• Singapore,</li> <li>• Iran,</li> <li>• Italy,</li> <li>• Kuwait,</li> </ul>   |
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|       | EMCO Group                 |           |  |
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- Bahrain,
- Germany,
- France,
- Switzerland,
- Spain,
- Thailand.

6 April: the Ministry Health has decided to implement the following preventative measures to all vessels calling at the port of Alexandria:

– Once the vessel berths at quay or inner-anchorage area, a team of medical officers will board the vessel to sterilize the whole vessel including every container, all holds, and different types of cargo.

– A team of specialized quarantine doctors will board the vessel to examine the crew and personnel on board. These examinations may include preliminary temperature measurements to identify any crew who may be sick. If a crew is found to be sick, more stringent measures may be implemented, including but not limited to immediate quarantine.

7 April: The Egyptian Authority for Maritime Safety (Marine Inspectorate) have issued instructions that will help facilitating and speeding up the completion of the sailing formalities, by allowing to apply for the sailing formalities 72 hours before the actual departure of vessels.

Also, in its effort to remain the preferred waterway shortcut, The Suez Canal Authority (SCA) have released four new circulars and amendments, offering rebates to container vessels, LNG and LPG carriers.

1. SCA have issued a Circular (4/2020) offering fixed rebates to LPG vessels between the US Gulf and West/East Coast India and Far East
2. SCA have issued a Circular (3/2020) offering fixed rebate to container vessels from North West Europe going to Port Kelang or its eastern ports
3. SCA have issued an amendment to their previous fixed LNG rebate, increasing same from 25% to 30%
4. SCA have also issued a renewal/amendment to their Circular (7/2017) offering fixed rebates for LNG vessels between US Gulf and AG/WC India/EC India/Far East.
5. SCA Periodical Concerning the granted rebates according to the following circulars: Circular 2/2016 (Containerships) – Circular 3/2016 (Crude oil tankers transiting integrated with SUMED) – Circular 7/2017 (LNG Carriers)

These circulars can be found at [on the SCA](#)

website: <https://www.suezcanal.gov.eg/English/Navigation/NavigationCirculars/Pages/default.aspx>



El Salvador	GAC	03- Apr	Port operations in El Salvador are continuing around the clock, with restrictions, despite the country being under quarantine and the airport being closed due to COVID-19.
Estonia	PANDI BALT SIA (LTD)	27- Mar	<p>Passenger traffic between Estonia and Finland is only allowed for returning citizens or in certain special cases. Due to the decline in demand related to the restrictions, passenger operators have made several adjustments to their schedules.</p> <p>The ban on cruise ship calls until 1 May 2020 directly concerns the cancellation of four scheduled ship calls. Reintroduction of border control and ban on the entry for foreign nationals from 17 March 2020 Ban on visiting Estonian islands for two weeks from 14 March 2020.</p> <p>There are no national restrictions on freight transport. There are no significant changes in the schedules of regular freight lines vessels (containers and ro-ro) due to COVID-19 and voyages continue as before the crisis. Also, there has been no significant change in bulk cargo handling.</p> <p>Port of Tallinn has made several changes to work processes to ensure the continuity of the service. Personal protective equipment is provided to all frontline personnel.</p>

For regularly updated port-by-port details, refer to the INVENTORY OF MEASURES RELATED TO CORONAVIRUS FOR FRENCH PORTS which has been put in place by Ship Agents SEA INVEST and is available on their website [here](#).

19 March: Surveyors across the country have confirmed to date that, while they are prepared to attend urgent and important matters onboard vessels with the necessary protective gear and measures in place, they will most probably have to reconsider more simple assignments (such as draft surveys, pre-loadings and so on) on a case-by-case basis as such might be considered as “non-essential” by the Authorities in case of control.

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Except for performing security & safety tasks related to their vessel, Crew members are also subject to confinement measures and are no longer permitted to disembark during calls.

**France P&I**

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As for crew changes, the European Union having now officially closed its borders, all crew changes are suspended for non-EU crew members as they are no longer allowed in or out of the country. As for EU crew members, situation will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Authorities and under the strict provision that the repatriation can be proven “necessary/essential”.

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French ports are still operating, most of them normally, some on a downgraded scale. Stevedoring companies are still working with limited personnel, and Agents around the country are now reduced to a bare-minimum staff and limiting their attendance onboard vessels to a strict minimum to avoid contact.

**Christian Boutigny**

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26 March: Budd Group advises that “surveyors also advise that they have not met with any impediments in carrying out their habitual interventions in France’s Channel, Atlantic and Mediterranean ports (not forgetting Paris and receiver’s premises throughout France). Their work does not need to involve any close physical contact with others and any documents they may require can be sent by email, rather than being given to them at the time of the survey.”

27 March: the French Government has enacted an Order providing that any time bar for cargo claims before the French Court which was due to expire as of 12 March 2020 is frozen until the end of a time limit of two months as of the end of the Health Emergency as declared in France.

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French Guyana is under lockdown, all measures taken in France regarding the COVID 19 pandemic are applied in this area due to this is an overseas department and region of the French Republic. Any move from people which is non-essential journey must be declared by an attestation Letter and reasons of going out must be on the authorized list.

Borders with neighbour countries are closed and flight from/to France are extremely restricted to medical/urgent work/family emergency.

No restrictions for merchant shipping operations but protocols and procedures regarding COVID19 has to be followed. Pre-arrival procedure must be accomplished. A Health Declaration will be requested to Masters as part of the procedure. In case of any member of crew presents fever, then Harbor Master will contact specialized medical Centre who will instruct isolation measures to be taken. In case no case declared by Master, then vessel can berth normally.

Most ports, pilots/tugs/linemen decided to reduce their team at minimum, service is still in force but impossible to berth/sail/anchor from 2300hrs to 0500hrs. Terminals still working in reduced team.

The prohibition of the docking of passenger ships of more than 30 m in the main port of Dégrad-des-cannes.

24 February: Any vessel wishing to call at the Ports of Gabon, must send to the Harbor Master's office of the port of call, three (03) days before its arrival:

- The list of the ten (10) last ports called
- The list of crews changed and the visas of the last ten countries called by these crews.

Any vessel coming from or having called at least one of the ports of the countries in the grip of the epidemic, whose duration of departure from these ports until arrival at the Ports of Libreville is between fifteen (15) and twenty eight (28) days, the procedure for accessing the Ports of Libreville is as follows:

- Give the information on the on-board health certificate;
- Give the list of crews, copies of passports and up-to-date seaman's books.

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If the ship calls in a country plagued by an epidemic in the 14 days preceding its arrival at the Ports of Libreville:

Fourteen (14) day quarantine of the vessel;

- Morning and evening temperature control by medical and / or paramedical staff;
- During this entire emergency period, gloves, FFP2 masks and the application of hydro-alcoholic solutions will be required for health workers and all other stakeholders of the port platform who may be in contact with so-called suspect vessels;
- The medical and / or paramedical staff followed by the Inspectors of the National Institute of Public Hygiene and Sanitation, will board the ships before berthing at the same time as the pilots, all with adequate PPE;  
Access to these ships is prohibited for any person before the advice and disembarkation of medical and / or paramedical staff and that of INHPA,
- No crew member is allowed to alight from the ship until further notice,
- No crew change is authorized until further notice in the Ports of Libreville

31 March: The country is under lockdown and with curfew from 07:30 PM to 06:00AM. The borders and airports are closed until further notice.

Ports are opened and there is no lack of stevedores for the time being.

This is no change disembarkation and immigration rules despite circumstances.

Disinfection and cleaning services are available at port.

23 March: All the country's land, sea and air borders are closed.

The Ghana Port Harbours Authority (GPHA) has set up an interagency committee to initiate and apply standard operating procedures (SOPS) in the ports of Takoradi and Tema.

17 March: Vessels calling in Tema and Takoradi must now follow the following procedures:

- 7 days before their expected arrival, vessels should complete and return by email the attached COVID-19 form;
- When the vessel comes within the 25-mile VHF signal zone, it should start emailing daily updates on the crew's health to the Harbour Master and the Incident Commander in his capacity as the Director of GPHA Health Services. Full contact details are provided in the circular.
- Before berthing, all vessels arriving in Tema and Takoradi must anchor at Quarantine Anchorage pending clearance by Port Health Inspectors.
- Fully-gowned Port Health inspectors will use the GPHA launch to board the vessel where they will screen crew members by taking their temperatures and reviewing both their COVID-19 forms and their Maritime Health Declarations.

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If a suspected case is found

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- A sample for testing will be taken from the suspected case and any crew members who have been in contact with the suspected case will be confined to their cabins. If necessary, the suspected case will receive first aid on board.
- The vessel must fly the yellow flag and both national and port security forces will ensure that nobody enters a 100 m perimeter around the vessel.
- The launch boat used to board the vessel will be fumigated.
- GPHA expects test results to be available within 6-12 hours.

If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 onboard:

- The confirmed case will be evacuated taking strict precautions to avoid contagion.
- The vessel will be quarantined at anchorage for 14 days.

If the result is negative but the sick crew member needs further medical attention, he will be disembarked for treatment at Tema General Hospital and the vessel will be allowed to berth in the usual manner. If no

suspected case is found, the vessel will be authorized to berth.

27 March: Ghana will be in lock down as from Sunday 29/03/20 evening.

1 April: The ports are open and currently operational with strict security measures in place (such as port's health boarding vessels from affected areas for first-hand checks prior berthing). Stevedores are available for the time being.

Suspected vessel's crewmembers are quarantined at anchorage for double checks. Embarkation and disembarkation of crew is prevented as Immigration refuse to issue transit visas.

Disinfection and cleaning services at ports are currently operating.

2 April: Only vessels carrying fuels, foodstuffs, medicines are permitted at the port of Tema. At Takoradi, operations are continuing as normal

31 January: Gibraltar Port Authority requires that the CORONAVIRUS DECLARATION FOR-000156 be completed by every vessel that will call Gibraltar at either the Western Anchorage, East anchorage, North Anchorage, any alongside berth, Quick turnarounds, medical disembarkations, OPLA and OPLB.

The form is to be filled in, signed and stamped. No exemptions will be given. Agents are to stress to the captain to fill in this form carefully and to answer all questions. Please note that the following special conditions will apply to vessels who have answered yes to any of the questions in the declaration:

- Remote pilotage requirements will be applied to the vessel.
- No crew members will be allowed to disembark the vessel during its call at Gibraltar.
- With respect to ongoing operations shore personnel embarking / attending the vessel will not be allowed then to disembark.
- Shore personnel are to minimise all interaction with the crew as much as practically possible.
- The GPA reserves the right to further scrutinise any incoming vessel if it deems necessary in the interest of public health.

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26- Agents will receive via email from the Vessel Traffic Service Supervisor (VTSS) a special condition  
Mar clause. This clause is to be forwarded to the master and to service boat operators.

Service boat operators are to limit contact with crew members from the vessels that have been issued the “special condition cause”.

If any vessel declares that crew members are suffering from any sickness in relation to this protocol/declaration, the vessel will be refused clearance at first instance and will be referred to other agencies on a case by case basis.

26 March: The Gibraltar Port Authority advises that crew changes will not be permitted until further notice  
The Authority further advises all responsible persons to:

1. Immediately report any unplanned or accidental interaction with third party personnel or crew members to Port Health and comply with any instructions given.
2. Ensure that vessels berthed within their terminal which have been directed to follow quarantine instructions comply accordingly.
3. Immediately report any matter or operation that does not comply with the provisions of this Port



Notice or the above-mentioned Legal Notices and Port Notices to the Authority and Port Health.

For vessels coming from countries where the virus is in a wide outbreak, all port personnel who visit on board and/or liaise with the vessel's crew must wear simple protective face masks and maintain a minimum distance of more than 1 meter from any other person. Same measures apply to all visitors, either seafarers, surveyors, technical or vessel representatives included.

For all vessels docked in Piraeus Port Authority/ Piraeus Container Terminal premises regardless of the country of origin, for crew disembarkation/return, a private car provided by the vessel agent will be used for the crew transportation. Pick up and drop off point is the ship's ladder and the crew will in no way mingle with the port employees. Same measure applies for the transportation of all visitors who wish to enter the port facility. It should be clarified that any private bus, mini bus or taxi arranged by the agent for this purpose, should be accompanied to/from the vessel by a private car provided by the agent.

The port personnel is recommended to minimize contact with the vessels' crew and communications with the vessels are carried out by email to the extent possible. Compulsory use of face masks and protective gloves is followed by stevedores who go on board to carry out their tasks.

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There are private companies engaged in disinfection, however when a vessel is believed to have been possibly affected by the disease, the State Hygiene Authorities will initiate action and decide for the measures to be taken.

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18 March: still no official measure in force in respect of a compulsory quarantine for cargo vessels calling in Greece. As from 15th March and until at least 15th April, there is a temporary suspension of Greece-Italy and Greece-Albania sea connections applicable to all passenger vessels and private yachts but this measure does not apply to any sea-going cargo vessels. In addition, cruise ship calls and disembarkation of passengers to any Greek port are temporarily restricted as a precaution in the context of limiting the spread of the COVID-19 virus to the public.

To protect both its personnel and the wider public health, Motor Oil Hellas (MOH) refinery at Aghioi Theodoroi has established the following precautionary measures:

- All individuals (MOH personnel, pilots, agents, surveyors, suppliers, technicians, tugboat personnel, etc.), who embark vessels for operational reasons must wear all the necessary protective equipment described by the Greek Organization of Public Health's Recommendation bulletins, such as masks with filters for biological agents-ffp2 type, goggles, single-use uniforms, nitrile gloves, etc., whilst on board.
- Any involved party wishing to embark a vessel must be provided with all the necessary equipment

in advance – <https://eody.gov.gr/2019-ncov-odigies-poy-aforoy-n-pliedmata-ploion-se-periptosi-ypoptoy-kroysmatos-en-plo/>.

- During the presence of MOH personnel on board, any crew members within a distance of less than 2 meters must wear all the protective equipment.
- Crew disembarkation is not allowed during vessel's birth at the terminal and anchorage area. For operational or emergency reasons, crew members can disembark the vessel, prior to permission granted by Terminal Authorities, only by wearing all the necessary protective equipment.
- Embarkation/disembarkation of onsigners/offsigners must be performed only if it is absolutely necessary. If embarkation/disembarkation of onsigners/offsigners via terminal's area is necessary, it will be performed – prior to permission granted by Terminal Authorities – only by wearing all the necessary protective equipment.

Hellenic Petroleum (HEL.PE) has implemented new measures for vessels at its installations in Aspropyrgos, Eleusis and Pachi installations:

- All ships will be berthed at HEL.PE must send 3 days prior to arrival and on daily basis the Maritime Declaration of Health.
- All ships will be berthed at HEL.PE must send 3 days prior to arrival and on daily basis the IMO crew list with the date and place of embarkation of the entire crew members.
- Crew is prohibited to go ashore.
- Provisions/Equipment/Supplies not allowed during ship's stay alongside installations
- Any relocation of crew shall be limited to the minimum necessary during operations.
- For routine loading and unloading operations listed, there should be relevant information and approval by ISPS person in charge of HEL.PE.
- Visitors will not be allowed to enter installations.
- Crew changes are allowed only for EU and Schengen nationalities. Third countries crew changes under prohibition up to and including 18 April.
- In case of a suspected case, the Master should report and follow the instructions of the ESA/WHO as well as installations' instructions.
- Prohibition of garbage disposal during ship's stay alongside installations.
- Obtain hygiene measures from all crew members according to WHO instructions.
- Traffic/relocation of installation staff will be limited as well as to local cargo surveyors, ship's agents, Port Authorities and Customs and pilots
- Entrance to marine terminal control area is not allowed, nor is entry of visitors.
- As many pre and after loading-discharging documents and arrangements as feasible will be issued and conducted by e-mail, telephone etc. Documentation which cannot be signed and stamped via e-

- mail will be delivered in sealed envelopes.
- Crew changes are allowed only for EU and Schengen nationalities. Third countries crew changes are prohibited up to and including 18 April.
  - All above until further notice and subject to additional measures and controls.

27 March: Goyios & Nassikas advise: “According to the relevant ministerial decisions, for as long as the operation of the Greek Courts remains suspended, the time limitation periods are suspended as well.”

26 March: Grenada has imposed the following travel restrictions as of midnight on Wednesday, 18 March 2020:

Travelers will be quarantined for a period of 14 days upon arrival into Grenada, whether they are a Grenadian National or Resident.

If travellers are not Grenadian Nationals, and in the last 14 days have been to Iran, South Korea, China, or anywhere in Europe (including the UK and Ireland), they will be refused entry into the country.

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8- Apr If travellers arrive from any other destination, they will be screened upon entry, and quarantined for 14 days. Every passenger is required to complete a declaration form on health status; are also required to check in daily with the Ministry of Health, regardless of point of origin. Additionally, they will be quarantined or isolated, if becoming symptomatic during stay.

7th April: Since 23 March, Maurice Bishop International Airport (GND) and Lauriston Airport (Carriacou) have been closed to commercial flights until further notice.

Crew on essential vessels (cargo) are no longer allowed shore leave. A 24-hour mandatory curfew is in effect in Grenada until 20 April.

No actual lockdown, but a two weeks curfew between 0900 pm and 0500 am has been implemented, starting from 31/03/2020. In the meantime, gatherings of more than 20 people are prohibited, and the Conakry airport is closed until further notice since March 23rd 2020.

Port, airports and borders are opened but strict controls are performed. Ports are still working without any restrictions. Sanitary measure are implemented such as hands washing and temperature checking before boarding the ship.

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There is no lack of stevedores for the time being.

Sanitary services are active to control the temperature and any suspected cases are quarantined. Crew Members are not authorized to leave the ports. Crew change are not officially restricted but de facto prevented as the international airport of Conakry is closed.

There is not any disinfection services at the Conakry Port.

Guyana

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Guyana has closed its airports for incoming international passenger flights and its ports are closed to all vessels except international merchant ships.

25- For ships calling at Guyana's ports, all documents must be submitted electronically. No shore leave or crew  
Mar changes may be carried out. All crew onboard must complete individual health declarations to be submitted to the Port Health Officer, along with the Master's Maritime Declaration of Health, for review and approval before the authorities can board.

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1. As of midnight, Monday March 16, 20 the government has implemented flight restrictions and closure of the border with the Dominican Republic. All flights to and from Haiti and destinations in the Dominican Republic, Canada, Latin America and Europe will be suspended for two weeks. Flights between Haiti and the United States will continue.
2. The Government of Haiti stated that all travelers from the U.S. must have a document showing that they have tested negative for coronavirus before boarding. The Government of Haiti did not specify what proof passengers should present and has not yet provided instructions to airlines.
3. The Government of Haiti will continue to conduct health screenings for arriving passengers.
4. The Minister of Interior announced that the border with the Dominican Republic will be closed to passenger traffic, but goods crossing the border will still be permitted if personnel transporting the goods are screened at the border.
5. CPS Terminal at Port au Prince is implementing the IMO's guidance. The Port Authority has not issued yet any memorandum regarding the other terminals.
6. Ship cargo operations are being carried out normally at all ports for now. We strongly recommend that all crew must stay on board.



Hong Kong	Hong Kong Shipowners Association	25-Mar	The Hong Kong Government will ban non-Hong Kong residents arriving from overseas countries or territories through the airport from entering Hong Kong for 14 days, starting from 25 March.
	GAC		Non-Hong Kong residents arriving in Hong Kong from the Mainland, Macau and Taiwan who have been to overseas countries or territories in the past 14 days will also be banned from entering.

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DGS Order No. 04 of 2020 (20 March) includes:

- The master of a vessel, before arrival at its first port of call in India, shall ascertain the state of health of each person on board the vessel and submit the Maritime Declaration of Health to the concerned health authorities of the port and to the port authorities
- The Maritime Declaration of Health shall be forwarded at least 72 hours prior arrival of the vessel at the port. If the voyage duration from last port of departure is less than 72 hours, the Maritime Declaration of Health shall be informed to the port immediately on departure from the port. In addition, the information required by the local health authorities of the port like temperature chart, individual health declaration etc. shall also be provided by the master as per the directives of the local health authorities of the port.
- If the master of the vessel ascertains that a person on board the vessel is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, the same shall be explicitly mentioned in the Maritime Declaration of Health being forwarded to the health authorities and to the port.
- If the maritime declaration of health given by the master is found to be incorrect and not reflecting the factual conditions of health of persons on board the vessel, the master is liable to be prosecuted as per applicable laws. All agents of the vessel shall ensure that this information regarding possible prosecution for incorrect declaration is clearly informed to the vessel before its arrival at Indian ports
- Vessels arriving from ports of infected countries identified for mandatory quarantine and travel ban by MoHFW, Govt. of India before 14 days of departure from the infected port, or having seafarers embarked on the vessel who have been in infected regions within 14 days of arrival at any Indian port shall need to comply with additional measures. The updated list of infected countries may be obtained from the website of MoHFW, Govt. of India.
- Vessels arriving from any port in China to have the necessary quarantine period of 14 days.
- Stoppages of a vessel at any port of infected countries only for bunkering purposes shall not be counted for the calculation of 14 days from port of departure
- Pilot shall normally not be assigned to any vessel unless pratique is granted to the vessel. Prior boarding the vessel, the master of the vessel shall reconfirm to the pilot that all persons on board the vessel are healthy and there are no suspected cases of persons infected by COVID-19 on board the vessel. The master of the vessel shall also ensure that all the areas through which the pilot is likely to pass are appropriately disinfected and sanitized as per the required protocol and shall further confirm about the same to the pilot before the pilot boards the vessel.
- All ships personnel who are likely to interact with the pilot should be wearing appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). In addition, the bridge team shall be wearing appropriate PPE at all times while the pilot is on the vessel. Pilot shall also be wearing appropriate Personal Protection

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[DGS Order 7 of 2020](#)

[DGS Order 08 of 2020](#)

[Ministry of Shipping Directive to Major Ports](#)

Equipment (PPE). There are no restrictions imposed on the sign on and sign off of Indian seafarers in ports in India whether from an Indian vessel or a foreign vessel.

The Gov. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs issued circular dated 23rd March 2020, which directed the closure of all immigration checkpoints including all Airport, Seaport, Land port, Rail port and Riverport Immigration Checkpoints to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus. This does not apply to Ships carrying cargo for trade or essential goods and supplies are exempted from the aforementioned circular and therefore they will not face an immigration blockade. The crew and the vessels nonetheless would have to undergo the screening process.

Addendum No.1 of DGS Order No. 04 of 2020 provides a list of ‘infected countries’.

31 March: Bose & Mitra & Co. provide a useful port-by-port summary which can be accessed on the left.

**[DGS Order 07 of 2020](#)** is an advisory on the non-charging of container detention charges on import and export shipments.

1 April: The following Indian ports have all declared ‘Force Majeure’ to ensure that unforeseen delays in the delivery of cargoes and other port-related services do not affect their commercial contracts with port users:

All 44 ports under Gujarat Maritime Board, Kakinada Anchorage Port, Kolkata, Haldia, Paradip, Paradip International Cargo Terminal, Kavar Port, Dhamra, Karaikal, Gopalpur, Gangavaram, Krishnapatnam, Kandla, Kandla International Container Terminal, Adani Ports at Mundra, Tuna, Hazira and Dahej, Angre, the JSW and JSWIL ports at Goa, APM terminals at JN port (Nhava Sheva).

2 April: Bose & Mitra & Co provide the following:

- DGS Order No. 08 of 2020 – Advisory on non-charging of any demurrage, ground rent beyond the allowed free period or any performance related penalty on non-containerized cargo during the period of effect of Covid-19 pandemic dated 31 March 2020
- Ministry of Shipping, GOI Guidelines/Order to Major Ports on Exemptions/Remission on penalties etc and Issue Relating to Force Majeure under Section 111 of the Major Port Trusts Act 1963 dated 31 March 2020.

Addendum No. 3 to DGS Order No. 4 of 2020 — Instructions to Ports for dealing with the COVID-19

dated 1 April 2020.

18 March: The following will be implemented at all Indonesian ports:

- Incoming vessels from all other countries will first be inspected by Quarantine officer at anchorage.
- Nobody can come on board, no loading activity can be conducted before arrival inspection by quarantine officer is completed
- Free Pratique will only be granted if crew are not suspected of coronavirus all crew are in good condition after inspection completed.
- Arrival inspection will take about 2 3 hours by quarantine officer at outer anchorage.
- If any crew members are suspected to have the coronavirus disease, all activity will be suspended and vessel will be quarantined She will not be allowed to proceed alongside jetty or load at anchorage, and shall wait for quarantine officer's decision with indefinite waiting time.
- Any person who has spent the last 14 days or more in mainland China is not allowed to enter, or transit, through Indonesia and Indonesian ports.

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6- 1 April: The City of Denpasar is currently in a State of Emergency, and all cruise ships are prohibited from visiting and docking at the port of Benoa. They are also prohibited dropping off passengers heading for the city of Denpasar who do not have an identity document showing domicile in Denpasar as there is strict selection of passengers/goods going through Benoa Harbor to Denpasar City.

Such passengers are also prohibited from crossing through the Crossing Port Ketapang – Gilimanuk and through the Crossing Port Lembar – Padang Bai.

Port operations are limited and crossing frequency reduced.

2 April: Crew changes in Indonesia are permitted for Indonesian crews (WNI) only after implemented the Health Protocol of Covid-19 Handling.

Foreign crews may not go ashore during ship's activities in the port area.

Foreign crew changes are not allowed in Indonesian Ports, but during the outbreak of Covid-19 can be done at the specified anchorage area.

If a medical/health emergency occurs for foreign crews when the ship in the port area, they could be taken ashore once permission is granted by the Covid-19 Task Force in each area after implementing the Health

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During the Covid-19 outbreak, foreign vessels (cargo ships, passenger ships and cruise ships) that apply for permission to disembark crews, bunker, fresh water and provision supplies will be provided shelter for ship-to-ship (STS) and lay-up at the designated area, i.e. Nipah Island, Tanjung Balai Karimun and Galang Island by fulfilling the terms and requirements of arrival the foreign ship in accordance with laws and regulations.

Ministry of Communications General company of Ports for Iraq have informed all agents that Masters of vessels that have called at a Chinese port within the last 30 days before arriving in Iraq are requested to provide a statement 3 days before arriving in Iraqi territorial waters that crew onboard do not have any symptoms of corona virus (high temperature, sore throat, coughing or breathing difficulties).

If any such symptoms are noted, the Master should inform port authority prior to arrival and await further instructions.

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17 March: The Iraqi government has imposed curfew in all cities of Iraq starting from 11 PM Tuesday 17th of March until 11 PM 23rd of March except for medical staff. As of now the impact on port operations is unknown.

26 March: the curfew in Iraq has been extended until 11th April 2020. Currently all ports remain operational. Surveyors are able to attend for inspections with the requisite permission, so delays in getting a surveyor to a vessel will be experienced.

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Vessels that have visited in China's ports in last 15 days before arriving to Israel cannot enter Israel. Each vessel must send report to Ministry of Health of Israel before her arrival to Israeli port, stating that all crew and passengers are healthy and that the vessel didn't visit China in the last 15 days. The report must be approved by the Ministry of Health before her arrival to Israel. Without the approval, vessel cannot enter Israel. Foreign travelers who visited in China in the last 15 days is not allowed to enter Israel. Foreign travelers who have the symptoms of the virus (fever, cough or shortness of breath) is not allowed to enter Israel, regardless how many days passed. HAIFA PORT

Vessels that arrive at the port and do NOT have people coming from countries for which the Ministry of Health has issued an alert (as of 2-Mar-2020) China, Hong Kong, Thailand, Singapore, Macau, South Korea, Japan, Italy, France, Germany, Switzerland, Spain, Austria – the ship can enter the port. If on the vessel there are people that in the past 14 days, or the vessel has been in a port in the past 14 days, in one of the countries listed above, the vessel shall enter the port with the following restrictions: – Avoiding contact with the crew as much as possible. – The crew will be refused to enter the country, e.g. a complete prohibition on disembarking. – All workers (port and not-port workers) who board the vessel must have personal protective equipment which includes: Mouth/nose mask according to Ministry of Health spec. Gloves according to Ministry of Health spec. It is hereby emphasized that the foregoing relates to vessels which have received approval from the Ministry of Health's declaration prior to entering the port.



			<p>11 March: Italian Ports Association announce Italian ports are fully operational and ensure safety of persons and goods.</p> <p>In full respect of the measures adopted by the Government with the primary objective of protecting public health as a result of the medical emergency, the Italian Ports Association (Assoporti) wishes to clarify that all Italian ports are fully operational with suitable measures to guarantee maximum safety of port operations and goods. Italian ports are fully operational with regular service to the national community and all their offices, including those devoted to controls, guaranteeing regularity of the sea activities.</p>
	Samer & Co. Shipping		
	<a href="#">Trieste and Monfalcone Port Authority Note</a>		The measures adopted by the Government in no way restrict the movement of goods in the country.
	Samer & Co. Shipping		The precautionary obligation of the “Free Sanitary Practice” issued by the Local Office of Maritime Health remains in force, which authorizes ships to berth, and the Italian ports are ready to adopt any new measures that were to be issued by the Office of Civil Defense (so-called: Protezione Civile).
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Italy	BonelliErede	27-Mar	Italy’s prime minister published a decree on 9 March “laying down urgent measures to contain and manage the epidemiological emergency brought on by COVID-19” and extending the emergency measures introduced by the previous day’s decree to all of Italy. The measures will be in force until 3 April, subject to any further measures being introduced. In brief, people must avoid travelling anywhere in the country. The head of Italy’s Civil Protection Service advise that the travel restrictions: (a) do not apply to the transport and transit of goods or to the entire supply chain to and from the affected areas; and (b) do not prevent individuals from travelling for work- or health-related reasons, or for other needs.
	Studio Legale Mordiglia		
	Studio Legale Vaudo Paggini & C.		Local sources confirm there are no limitations for vessels entering the ports of Ravenna Trieste and Monfalcone.
	<a href="#">Mauro Consultants Bulletin 14a</a>		23 March: All Italian ports are open for container ships and commercial vessel for the traffic of goods, whilst an international suspension of cruise ship traffic and a national suspension (or drastic reduction) of passenger traffic for Sardinia and Sicily Islands are operative.
			Terminals, stevedores and logistic activities are operating under strict rules and safety conditions to safeguard all operators, stevedores and crew members from potential exposure.
			The Courts remain operative only for urgent procedures, such as arrest or payment injunctions, which can be filed electronically (system now in use in Italy).Mediation and negotiation proceedings are suspended until

15th April 2020. All time bars and prescription terms expiring between 9th March 2020 and 15th April 2020 are suspended.

The Port Authorities in agreement with the National Institute of Hygiene (INHP) have taken the following measures :

- Provide an exhaustive list of the last ports of call of the vessel, two (02) weeks before their call in the port of Abidjan ;
- Move any vessel from infected countries to the quarantine area defined by the Port authorities ;
- Have a team of agents of the Hygiene Institute (INPH) to carry out controls on board vessels before entering the port.

17 March: Port of Abidjan issued a circular – vessels coming from countries affected by this disease will be now subject to a prior health inspection on external roads before entering the port of Abidjan.

This inspection will be carried out by the services of National Institute for Public Hygiene of the Ministry of Health.

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For the application of this measure, the General Direction of the autonomous port of Abidjan provides the sanitary team with a pilot boat for their transport on board of the vessels at the exterior road. It should be clarified that the inspection fees which amount to Two Hundred Thousand (200 000) – approx. corresponds to 304 Euros. FCFA are borne by the vessels thus inspected.

The services of the Harbor Master's Office of Abidjan are at your disposal for any additional information to the following numbers: 21 23 86 97 / 46 00 56 18/ 54 51 40 92.

24 March: Circular issued by the Autonomous Port of Abidjan states:

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1. *All ships engaged in international voyages, calling in the port of Abidjan, must be fitted with an infrared thermometer at gangway;*
2. *This thermometer acquired by the shipowner, must be used by the personnel and trained in taking temperatures in connection with the coronavirus (covid-19) ;*
3. *The results of this operation will be kept at the disposal of the maritime health control of the National Institute of Public Hygiene of the port of Abidjan ;*
4. *Access to the port by any user who refuses to comply with this operation will be refused;*

*In addition, it should be specified that, the delivery of the shores-pass to crewmembers wishing to leave a ship in the Port of Abidjan, is suspended until further notice;*

*However, any medical disembarking is subject to the authorization of the immigration service of the special police station of the port, after a favorable opinion from the National Institute of Public Hygiene (port team)*

UNQUOTE

1 April: The movement of people between Abidjan and the interior of the country is prohibited, from Sunday 29 March 2020 from midnight to Wednesday 15 April 2020. Excluded is the movement of people relating to the transport of

of food, pharmaceutical and medical products, sanitary evacuation, hydrocarbons, gas and all sources of domestic energy, water, electricity and telephone supply

Both ports in Ivory Coast are opened and in service. The stevedoring companies are available and operational inside the port area despite the curfew at night time. However any cargo transfer out of the port area is prevented from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.

Whilst immigrations rules have not been much changed, no shore passes are currently issued, and any sanitary disembarkation requested should be submitted to health department for prior approval

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The borders are closed to passengers. Cargo vessels are exempted from the ban.

23 March: Japan's Ministry of Justice is denying permission to land to the following foreigners, unless the circumstances are exceptional.

Foreigners who have stayed in any of the following cities/provinces/regions within 14 days prior to the application for landing:

- People's Republic of China: Hubei Province, Zhejiang Province
- Republic of Korea: Daegu-guangyeok-si, or Cheondo-gun, Gyeongsan-si, Andong-si, Yeongcheon-si, Chilgok-gun, Uiseong-gun, Seongju-gun, Gunwigun in Gyeongsangbuk-do
- Islamic Republic of Iran: Gilan Province, Qom Province, Tehran Province, Alborz Province, Isfahan Province, Qazvin Province, Golestan Province, Semnan Province, Manzadaran Province, Markazi Province, Lorestan Province
- Italy: Veneto Region, Emilia-Romagna Region, Piedmont Region, Marche Region, Lombardy Region, Aosta Valley Region, Trentino-South Tyrol Region, Friuli-Venezia Giulia Region, Liguria Region
- San Marino: whole country
- Swiss Confederation: Canton of Ticino, Canton of Basel-Stadt
- Spain: Chartered Community of Navarre, Basque Autonomous Community, Community of Madrid, La Rioja
- Iceland: whole country
- Foreigners who have Chinese passports issued in Hubei Province or Zhejiang Province in the People's Republic of China.
- Foreigners who were on the cruise ship, Westerdam, departed from Hong Kong.

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7 April: A State of Emergency of Tokyo, Osaka, Hyogo(Kobe), Kanagawa(Yokohama), Chiba, Fukuoka(Hakata) and Saitama prefecture is declared. This Emergency declaration does not mean lockdown of these areas/cities but will be taken as strong message from the government.

Operation of harbor, port and terminal in the areas is not restricted and for the time being correspondents and local surveyors' service is/will be available as normal.

The Jordanian Maritime Commission (JMC) has announced sterilization of ships calling at the port of Aqaba among the measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

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Places to be sterilized, where there is direct contact between ship's crew and related staff whose work requires entry to the places of subsistence and boarding on board, will be identified and inventoried to reduce the time to as little as possible to ensure no delay in handling of cargo.

Substances to be used in sterilization must have no effect on human health.

The cost of sterilization should not exceed a maximum of 500 JD, despite the high prices of sterilization materials from their source.

Kazakhstan announced one-month state of emergency until 15 April.

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Servicing of ships from Azerbaijan and Iran at the sea ports of Aktau and Kuryk has been suspended as a temporary measure. Crews of foreign cargo vessels are not permitted to leave their ships and the transportation of people and vehicles with drivers have also been halted.

Kenyan Ports Authority has issued a note for Port of Mombasa for vessels that have called at China within last 14 days or crew that have travelled to China in last 14 days.

All vessels arriving from China must fill out Maritime Declaration of Health that states health status of crew.

Submit in advance:

- Maritime declaration of health
- Crew list
- a 'voyage memo' (voyage details to show vessel movements for last 14 days)
- a valid ship control or exemption certificate

The Port of Mombasa has implemented some minimum required measures to safeguard the country from the risks posed by the COVID-19 pandemic in respect of vessel's calling, berthing and performing operations at the port.

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- The Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) has assured all that no ship will be locked out of the port due to this matter, however, they shall put strict surveillance mechanism in place to ensure that the port is protected from corona virus infections.
- All vessels from High, Medium and Low Risk areas to be inspected while alongside the berths and Port Health to deal with any suspected infected crew members.
  - Kenya Ports Authority pilots to wear protective gear prior boarding any ship.
  - No close interaction between KPA Pilot and ship crew.
  - Ship's lifts must be disinfected prior boarding by KPA Pilot.
  - A Red Flag to be hosted on ships that have not gone through Free Pratique.
  - Ships' Masters to ensure provision of sanitizers along the access gang ways.
  - KPA considering allocating some rooms for self-quarantine to be used by suspected ships' crew while ship working in the port.
  - Seafarers from Non- High-Risk areas to be considered for issuance of shore leave passes but to be allowed restricted movements within the port area and the Mission to Seafarers club only.
  - Ships Masters to ensure that both KPA Staff and Ship Contractors are restricted access to ship's crew cabins, offices etc.

15 March: The Korean government announced that special quarantine inspection will be carried out for those from the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Netherlands, Spain, as well as China (including Hong Kong and Macau), Japan, Italy and Iran and as of 16 March, all those from Europe are included.

22 March: The Korean government has implemented more tightened immigration procedures and announced that all foreigners and Koreans from Europe will undergo COVID-19 infection test on their arrivals and the long term stayers (more than 90 days) even though their test result is negative, will be subject to 2-week isolation for the 14-day quarantine period.

2 April: All foreigners visiting Korea will be required to go through a mandatory 14 day quarantine.

Korea	Spark International		Upon arrival, COVID-19 test will be carried out on the individual and thereafter, he/she will be taken to a government quarantine facility. Although the cost of COVID-19 test and treatment are covered by the Korean government, the individual will have to pay the usage charge of the quarantine facility.
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	Wilhelmsen Ship Agency	3-Apr	For vessel and crew, a different standard is applied:  Vessels arriving in Korea post 14 days since departure from last port (regardless of country): Entry for vessel and crew is as same as prior to COVID-19 situation. Enhanced screening is not conducted on the vessel and 14 day quarantine is not required for the crew.
	Hyopsung Surveyors & Adjusters Corporation		Vessels arriving in Korea within 14 days since departure from last port (regardless of country): Enhanced screening measure conducted with National Quarantine Station officers boarding the vessel to check the body temperatures of each crew along with handing out 'Health Questionnaire' and 'Travel Record Declaration' to be submitted by each crew member. Cargo operation is only allowed after the quarantine certificate is issued by the National Quarantine Station Officer. For crew to disembark or to enter Korea, he/she must be in possession of a working personal smart phone and must install the government specified 'Self-diagnosis Application' on the phone. 14 day quarantine is not required for the crew.

The latest stats by city and province can be found [here](#).



Kuwaiti Ports Authority announce that due to the recent increase in cases in Iran, the Kuwait port authorities have suspended all vessel movements from Iran for vessel calling Kuwait with immediate effect until further notice.

Kuwaiti Ministry of Communications (MOC) have informed all agents that as part of efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19, Kuwaiti ports are prohibited from receiving foreign ships arriving from/ departing to the following countries in addition to closing all Maritime ports and banning all arrivals from any Nationality during the past two weeks from the above countries until further notice: Republic of Korea, Italy, Thailand, Singapore and Japan as well as the Peoples Republic of China and Hong Kong.

The Ministry of Communications have further advised that in order to maintain efficient trade, ships carrying goods from the Republic of Korea, Italy, Thailand, Singapore, Japan, Peoples republic of China and Hong Kong will be allowed to berth with the emphasis of prohibiting direct contact with the crew and preventing them from disembarking from the ship. The period they have specified is two weeks of their departure from the affected ports.

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With effect from 6 March, The Ministry of Health in Kuwait has imposed a ban on travelers arriving from, or who have visited in the last two weeks, the countries listed below:

- Mainland People's Republic of China
- South Korea
- Italy
- Iran
- Iraq
- Japan
- Singapore
- Hong Kong SAR
- Thailand

On 12 March it was advised that the Kuwait government have taken a series of exceptional measures in a bid to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, halting commercial flights and sending public sector employees on a public holiday for two weeks starting from today until March 26th 2020. This has been extended to 25 April. Curfew hours have been extended to end at 6am

Maritime navigation and normal operations at all Oil Terminals ( Mina Al Ahmadi & Mina Abdulla ) and

Commercial ports ( Shuwaikh and Shuaiba ) will continue as usual without any hindrance.

Ministry of Communications advise that agents are required to provide in addition the usually required documentation before arrival:

- a copy of the ships' logbook for the last 30 working days – in English
- a copy of port clearance for the last 10 ports where cargo operations were carried out

13 March: Portuguese Government issue a statement informing that all passenger vessels will not be authorized to disembark any guests/crewmembers/staff. Licenses to go ashore also will not be granted.

Exception is made to Portuguese Citizens living in Portugal wishing to debark at our ports. Cruise vessels still may call Portuguese ports and to carry on provisions, fresh water and other supplies, as well as to perform bunkering operations.

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This containment measure will soon be in force and will be re-evaluated on 9 April.

26 March: All shore-leaves permits remain suspended to all crewmembers within Portuguese ports. On a case by case basis, and upon the opinion and advice of Health Maritime Authority it may be authorized crew changes or disembarks with repatriation purposes. Every person arriving to Portugal by sea, air or ground borders will be placed in quarantine (isolation) for 14 days.

On 15th March 2020 the Lebanese government announced a medical state emergency, obliging all citizens to remain at home except for extreme necessity until 29th March 2020.

The Government has declared the airport, airspace and all sea and land borders as closed for passengers as from Wednesday 18th March until 29th March 2020, except for UNIFIL (United Nations Interim Force In Lebanon), diplomatic missions and cargo aircraft.

Ports in Lebanon will be closed to passengers, but cargo is still permitted entry.

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The measures applied at the Lebanese ports for commercial vessels consists of members of the Ministry of Health attending onboard the vessels arriving from countries at risk and prior to their berthing checking the body temperatures of all crewmembers onboard to verify whether any of them are suffering from any of the symptoms of the coronavirus (COVID-19). Depending on the findings of the Ministry's representatives, measures are decided on a case-by-case basis.

The Courts in Lebanon are closed.

The Government of Liberia has placed travel restrictions on flights from countries reporting 200 or more COVID-19 cases.

The port of Monrovia is operational. The local port Authority has not yet issued any restrictions on seaport or vessels entering.

The National Port Authority and APM Terminals Liberia at Monrovia port advise that all port users within the commercial and operational area of all seaports within Liberia such as, stevedores, cargo surveyors, boarding Agent, Supervisors, Tally Clerks, crane Operators, field Managers, vessels' crews, are advised to take strict health practices or measure to ensure the washing of hand, usage of face mask and wearing of glove as a safe measure set by the ministries of health.

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All vessel crews are not allowed to leave the vessel while the vessel is in port. However, all seaport operations are ongoing within Liberia such as:

1. Disembarkation of stowaway from vessels
2. Disembarkation of Sick Crew Members
3. Loading and offloading of vessels operations

As of 16th March 2020, Libyan Authorities announced that due to the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic all air, ground and maritime Libyan borders will be closed for 3 weeks (with potential extension).

If a vessel is calls to Libya from a country that has recorded COVID-19 cases, the vessel will go into quarantine for 14 days at anchorage. The quarantine period starts to count from the date the vessel sailed from previous port of call. Thereafter, it will undergo an inspection by the Health Ministry. If it is found “clean”, it will then be permitted to enter the port.

The courts in Libya have postponed most cases until June and only urgent matters are being dealt with.

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- It is banned to embark ships arriving at any Libyan port or oil platforms to avoid any direct contact with their crews. This ban applies to: pilot, representative of passports authority, customs representative, shipping agent, marine authority representative, shipment inspector, etc.
- Crews of foreign ships, ships, tugboats are banned to disembark at any Libyan port unless in urgent cases which are those cases approved by the director of health control office at the relevant port.
- The shipping agent should submit the following documents with the arrival notice:
  - List of last ten (10) ports that were entered (last ten (10) ports of call), including date of entry and exist for each port,
  - List of crew members with their embarking dates. Those who embarked during the last two weeks from the date of arrival should also be listed;
  - Declaration by the shipmaster that the ships is free from the symptoms or suspected symptoms of coronavirus.
- Administrative and technical procedures / formalities for each of the parties mentioned in Point (1) above over the radio and/or electronically.
- Berthing procedure will start once the health representative has verified the declaration made by the shipmaster as stated in subparagraph (2c) above. In case the health representative is not available the ship shall be granted the permission if the pilot agrees to permit it to enter using radio piloting onboard the assistant tugboat or radio piloting from the traffic control tower.
- Berthing operation will be done using at least (2) tugboats for safety.
- Remote pilotage will be carried out using radio and/or electronic telecommunications taking into consideration safety and security requirements.
- In case health control office exists at that port, their representative will be allowed onboard to ensure that the ship is free from any suspected case of coronavirus. He will not be allowed to embark unless he wears personal protective equipment including disposable overall, gloves,

goggles, N95 mask, head cover, shoes cover, antiseptics). In all cases, health representative should embark the ship before the pilots do.

- In case, it is not possible for the health representative to get onboard the ship at the outer anchorage area, the ship will be permitted to enter commercial and industrial ports using radio pilotage onboard the assistant tugboat or from the control tower. The health representative will then get onboard the ship at the internal port dock.
- In case the shipmaster refuses to enter without the presence of a pilot or in case the pilot refuses to enter the ship using radio pilotage, the pilot will be allowed to embark the ship provided that he wears personal protective equipment including disposable overall, gloves, goggles, N95 mask, head cover, shoes cover, antiseptics. He should follow the preventive and disinfection measures immediately once he has disembarked.
- In case the shipmaster refuses to enter the ship without pilot or if the pilot refuses to enter the ship using radio pilotage onboard the tugboat and PPE equipment are not available, the ship will not be allowed to enter unless after fourteen (14) days from its date of arrival.
- It is banned to unload any solid or liquid wastes from the ship in the Libyan ports.
- All shipping agents, operators of oil harbors of the National Oil Operations, the Libyan Ports Company, Misurata Free Zone, Towage, Salvage and Marine Services Company, General National Maritime Transport Company, shipowner companies should:
  - Provide Personal Protective Equipment PPE, including disposable overall, gloves, goggles, N95 mask, head cover, shoes cover and antiseptics approved by the National Center for Disease Control CDC,
  - Issue awareness circulations and guidelines for their staff members and follow up with international circulars on Coronavirus COVID-19.
- Shipmaster should, once the daily working hours are over, roll back the ship ladder and not to lift the ladder and not to roll it down until the next day when the handling operations start and upon an instruction by the relevant authority. In case he violates this instruction, he will be subjected to judicial actions

27 March: All ports are working normally and safely however due to the present Covid situation port authority issued new instruction with regards to port entry and direct contact with ship crew, as such please note the following:

- all vessel are allowed to berth upon arrival as usual provided availability of a berth, except vessel carrying automobiles and or livestock which should stay 14 day as quarantine,
- upon vessel arrival port pilot station, quarantine committee is to be first one to board the vessel to check out crew medical condition, if all negative then vessel to be allowed to enter with Pilot using

Radio communication facility on tug boats assistance,

- it is prohibited for crew to leave the vessel or get in contact with any of the stevedores or any person from a shore,
- if master is unable to enter the port without pilot on board then vessel to wait 14 days at anchor or it is to the discretion of pilot to board the vessel wearing with all protective clothes,



Lithuania	PANDI BALT SIA (LTD)	27- Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entrance of cruise ships to Klaipeda Port is prohibited by the resolution of the Lithuanian Government.</li> <li>• Entrance of cargo ships and movement of goods are not restricted.</li> <li>• It is prohibited for foreigners to enter the Republic of Lithuania, except for drivers and crew members, when commercial and/or international carriage of goods is carried out, also there are other exceptions. Crew members are prohibited from coming ashore, except medical necessities.</li> <li>• Every person while not at home must have his mouth and nose covered (mask, respirator, scarf, etc.), so the same apply to the crews.</li> <li>• 24 h prior to entering the port Captain must submit a health declaration. Information regarding health of a crew members must be updated 2 h prior entering the port. If the declaration indicated a sick person on board:</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After the vessel is berthed National Public Health Center (NPHC) under the Ministry of Health epidemiologists come onboard and investigate the situation;</li> <li>• If symptoms are relevant, sick crew member is transferred by ambulance to hospital;</li> <li>• By the order of NPHC vessel (cabins), other living quarters have to be disinfected by the crew with the disinfection means on board, if the crew has no means, disinfection has to be done by the licensed Lithuanian entity.</li> <li>• After the cleaning and disinfection agents, stevedores, surveyors and others are allowed to come onboard.</li> <li>• Persons (agents, others), who are contacting with the crew members have to wear means of personal protection.</li> <li>• After the disinfection persons who are not in contact with a crew are allowed to participate in loading / unloading operations onboard.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Isolation of 14 days is compulsory for persons, who have returned from foreign countries. So if the seafarer is repatriated or coming home after his contract ended, he will have to spend 14 days at a quarantine facility established by the government.</li> </ul>
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30 March: The Toamasina Port Authority have issued protective measures against the proliferation of COVID-19.

This includes the requirements that vessels coming from the affected countries must:

- Be quarantined as far as possible to allow the Department of Management Regional Public Health to decide on the health status of crew members of ships wishing to call at the Port of Toamasina.
- Strictly send prior to arrival an email to the Border Doctor, to the Port Authority and the APMF, of medical information concerning the health of the crew members, the history of the voyage of the ship and other on-board persons which will enable the Department of border protection of the Regional Directorate of Public Health (DRSP) to make analyzes of the risks of contamination

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2 April: Ports are open for cargo and tanker oil ships, but with a firm restriction on entry formalities and during the stay in port according to the official instructions from the government and Harbour Master's notes (compliance with the 14-days quarantine and stay at the anchorage outside harbour area before berthing).

Passenger ships are not allowed.

The pilot can only board the vessel after the 14 days of quarantine.

All seafarers are not authorized to go ashore during the vessel's call.

All exchanges of formality documents and instructions are made by e-mail or by VHF.

3 April: The Health State of Emergency remains in place in Madagascar for 15 (fifteen) additional days. Three main cities are now locked down until further notice: Antananarivo, Toamasina and Fianarantsoa.

- Only cargo ships are allowed to call in Toamasina Port. The port of Toamasina is open 24h/24h and Dockers involved in night shift should join the port before 20:00.

The following restrictions should be respected when calling in Toamasina (Common restrictions for all ports in the country):

1. The Port Authority applies 14-day quarantine as possible, depending on Health Safety Assessment

of all ship's submitted health documents.

2. For ship berthed less than 14-day quarantine. Surveyor can board ship but not allowed to enter into castle. All physical exchange of documents is prohibited but should be done by emails. For ship which has completed the 14-day quarantine, physical exchange of documents is allowed.
3. Tankers and containers with less than 10-day travel from last port are exempted from 14-day quarantine if their health safety assessment are considered as Good.
4. Measures taken by the port will be applied such as:
  - No shore leave
  - No contact with shore personal,
  - Wearing mask / gloves / glasses from crew side is compulsory when crew members have to go out on deck
  - All documents exchange is carried out by email to avoid contact
  - 2 meters distance must be kept in case involved crew members have to work on deck.
  - Ships that have completed more than 10-day travel will berth only at 15th day from last port (to comply with corona quarantine)
  - Crew and safety embarked team displacement are not accepted.
  - Disembarking is not allowed. NO LANDING of persons is authorized.

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- Effective February 17 all respective companies must provide face masks, gloves and sanitizer to all personnel
- Effective February 18 all foreigners from affected countries are required to fill declaration form provided by Immigration Department
- Effective February 28 Not to Land (NTL) for all crews from Daegu, Cheongdon, Zhejiang, Hubei, Wuhan and Jiangsu, Lombardy, Veneto region. Crews that arrives at KUL Airport will be given a Health Alert Card which MUST be kept for the next 14 days Health Alert Card (HAC) issued by the MOH for passengers to declare their current state of health
- Effective March 2 documents (maritime declaration of health, voyage memo crew list) must be submitted to Port Health officer within 48 to 72 hrs before vessel arrival
- Effective March 9 all cruise vessels are barred from entry to Malaysian ports with immediate effect until further notice. Special entrance have been allocated for foreigners that arrived from affected country, screening will be done based on passport flight ticket.
- Effective March 16 cruise vessels can enter Malaysian Ports if in compliance with the terms as below
  - Disembarkation of crew which is seriously ill
  - To receive supplies (food, water, gas) and repair or maintenance work for the particular vessel
  - Disembarkation only for Malaysian Crew or Malaysian Nationality and should undergo health screening by Port Health prior to disembarkation
  - Vessel that has been or still on international waters but hasn't visited any other ports nor done any crew change or visitors from previous port
  - Cruise vessel has permission to dock at international waters
- Effective March 17 all cruise vessel yachts are barred from entering Malaysian ports and availing of immigration facilities. Passenger ferries are restricted from bringing foreign visitors into Malaysia. No sign on sign off formalities are allowed during this period. Only barter trade cargo vessels that bring food supply will be allowed to enter. Cargo vessel crew can be given landing pass but not allowed to go out from port area.
- Travel restriction for those who visited Japan, Singapore, Myanmar, Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos, Indonesia, Europe, United States of America and Brunei within past 14 days and must declare this to the Health Department.
- **Johor (Pasir Gudang, Pengerang, Tanjung Pelepas, Tanjung Langsat)** Screening will be conducted at berth Temporary stop for SIRE inspection on board vessel If it is urgent and compulsory, it must be done at anchorage (SIRE inspector embark/disembark at anchorage)
- **Kuantan** Screening process will conducted at berth by the Port Health
- **Labuan** Vessel with less than 14 days departure from affected country will be put on Status B

(quarantine at Berth) or status C (quarantine at anchorage) Ship shore leave will be suspended for vessels with status B and C

- **Lumut** Screening will be conducted at berth No shore leave will be given until further notice by Port Health
- **Melaka** Screening will be conducted at anchorage
- **Penang** Screening will be conducted at anchorage
- **Port Dickson** Screening will be conducted at anchorage
- **Port Klang** Screening will be conducted at berth If any crew with fever over 38°C. Port Health shall arrange to transport the crew for medical attention. For Northport, all personnel are required to go through body temperature screening before being allowed to enter Northport premises
- **Sabah (Kota Kinabalu, Sipitang Sandakan, Lahad Datu Tawau)** Health screening by Port Health is required for any vessel calling from a foreign country. Screening will be conducted at anchorage. Action Taken On Arrival will be issued by Immigration to master via local agent before arrival of vessel NTL for all crews if vessel had called affected country regardless of number of days
- **Sarawak (Bintulu Tanjung Manis)** All visitors (foreign and domestic) coming into Sarawak and returning Sarawakians will be issued a 14 Day Stay Home Notice (SHN). Exemptions shall only be given by the State Health Department to those who are required to travel under special circumstances (official and business duties). Petronas LNG Terminal will implement virtual loading for all vessels from affected countries (South Korea, Japan, Italy, Iran) No personnel is allowed to board the vessel

31 March: All vessels arriving at Malaysia are subject to quarantine clearance, irrespective of their last port of call. No crew change for foreign nationals is currently permitted at any of the country's ports.

Malaysia Movement Control Order (MCO) in brief:

- restricts movement and assembly nationwide;
- restricts travel for all Malaysians going overseas;
- restricts foreign visitors and tourists into Malaysia;
- closes all government and private premises except those involved in essential services.

Foreign nationals who are in Malaysia and Malaysians are advised to adhere to the MCO. Violators are liable to a maximum fine of MYR 1,000 or jail for up to six months or both.

With the Immigration Department Office being closed effective 19 March 2020, travelers whose visit passes expire during the MCO period are not able to secure a special pass or to extend their visit passes to remain

in Malaysia with a valid pass.

24 February: The Malta Freeport issued the following circular to ship agents at Malta:

Quote In view of the present situation evolving globally regarding the Coronavirus, as a precautionary measure Malta Freeport Terminals will be prohibiting with immediate effect the disembarkation of crew members from any vessel calling at Malta Freeport. The vessel crew is also required to self-isolate when possible. Furthermore, with respect to ongoing operations, crew members must practice general infection and prevention advice when interacting with shore personnel and agency staff embarking the vessel. Such measures include social distancing, hand hygiene and respiratory protection in the form of masks. Crew members will only be allowed to disembark the vessel if they have been granted permission by the relevant authorities.

Unquote In addition, vessels are being requested to show the Yellow flag in accordance with the International Code of Signal to signify that the ship is healthy. It is to remain up until the Medic gives the green light to start operations. It is understood that same procedures are in place in the port of Valletta

12 March: The following was sent by the Authorities in Malta to all service providers, ship agents and bunkering operators at Malta in respect of services provided outside Maltese territorial waters:-

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| Malta | O.F. Gollcher & Sons Ltd | 26-Mar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All vessels must be cleared by Port Health prior to port entry.</li><li>• Cruise liners arriving from an Italian/Sicilian port (LPC) are NOT Permitted.</li><li>• Cruise ships arriving from a port other than Italian/Sicilian are Permitted subject to Port Health clearance.</li><li>• Any requests involving passengers from Italy/Sicily are NOT Permitted.</li><li>• Any request involving passengers not coming from Italy/Sicily are permitted and are subject to Port Health clearance.</li><li>• Requests from local work boats WTW / OTW are subject to Port Health clearance.</li><li>• Conveyances involving crew changes WTW and OTW are NOT Permitted. Crew changes are only permitted whilst vessels are in port subject that applicable procedures are in place including Port Health clearance.</li><li>• Conveyance vessels requesting to proceed to OTW are to process a normal arrival and departure notification and are also subject to port formalities including Port Health clearance.</li><li>• With regards to the dis/embarkation of surveyors, mooring master, etc... Port Health doctor to be consulted prior to authorising</li></ul> |
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26 March: Authorities have advised ship agents, terminal operators, bunker barge and conveyance/launch service operators of the following measures to apply to all vessels that have been cleared to obtain services in Maltese waters and ports:

1. No crew members will be allowed to disembark from the vessel throughout the duration of its call in Maltese waters and ports.
2. No shore personnel are allowed to board vessels unless there is a written authorisation from the Port Health Medic. Maritime Pilots, Port Foremen, Port Workers and Terminal Personnel involved in cargo handling operations are exempted from this provision.
3. Personnel authorised to board vessels are to keep interaction with crew to the minimum that is reasonably practical.
4. Bunker Barges and Service (Conveyance) Launches are to avoid contact with crew members. Crew of bunker barges, crew of service (conveyance) launches and technical personnel such as surveyors and technicians intending to board vessels must obtain a written authorisation from the Port Health Medic and will be subject to mandatory quarantine once they disembark.

When boarding of vessels and interaction with crew members is necessary, the Authority reminds all to implement the measures and take the necessary precautions as advised by the Superintendent of Public Health.

The Authority further advises all responsible persons to:

1. Immediately report any unplanned or accidental interaction with third party personnel or crew members to Port Health and comply with any instructions given.
2. Ensure that vessels berthed within their terminal which have been directed to follow quarantine instructions comply accordingly.
3. Immediately report any matter or operation that does not comply with the provisions of this Port Notice or the above mentioned Legal Notices and Port Notices to the Authority and Port Health.



		14 February: Before any entry of vessel in the port of Nouakchott (PANPA):
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The origin and the last ten ports of call ;</li> <li>• A health clearance and report of any seafarer embarked who became sick on board the ship within a period of 15 days before arrival of the ship at the port of Nouakchott.</li> </ul>
	Ivory P&I	Before any entry or exit of seafarers to embark or disembark on board/from the vessel of a passing vessel through the focal point of autonomous port of Nouakchott (PANPA) :
Mauritania	<a href="#">Port of Nouakchott</a> <a href="#">Circulaire 0001/020</a> <a href="#">English Translation</a> <a href="#">Circulaire</a>	26-Mar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The visa of the last point of entry at the borders of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, for seafarers to embark;</li> <li>• The origin and the last ten ports of call ;</li> <li>• A health clearance and report of any seafarer who became sick on board the ship and who has to be disembarked within a period of 15 days before arrival of the ship at the port of Nouakchott.</li> </ul>
		26 March: Very strict daily curfew from 18H00 to 06H00. Ships' calls are managed as per new regulation since 19.03.2020.
		With effect from 19 March and until further notice, no-one may enter Mauritius by air. All crew changes in the country are cancelled.
Mauritius	GAC Indoceanic Services	8-Apr No crew are allowed to disembark or embark at Port Louis. This is valid until the 15th of April 2020, as per the confinement date, but same can be extended again by the Government.  In case of special emergency vessels may call the coast guard for assistance (MRCC).



28 February: The Mexican Navy Secretariat has issued guidelines for a vessel arriving with infectious diseases, including Coronavirus, or suspicions thereof.

Should a vessel have a suspicious case of Novel Corona virus, the guidelines from the Mexican Navy are as follows:

1. The Master of the vessel shall inform Port Agents of the sick person(s) who present symptoms similar to the Covid-19 (or as per applicable medical guidelines issued by national and/ or international authorities, such as WHO or IMHA for instance).
2. Port Agents shall proceed to give notice to the International Health Service (Sanidad Internacional / S.I.).
3. S.I. will coordinate with the Harbour Master the applicable safety protocols to be imposed on the vessel.
4. The Harbour Master will coordinate with traffic control, and likely order any suspect vessel to remain at anchorage until further notice.
5. While at anchorage, S.I. will board the vessel to either confirm as negative or positive the symptoms of the crewmember in relation to the Coronavirus.
6. If positive, the vessel shall be placed in quarantine until the virus is eradicated.

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The Mexican Merchant Marine, has issued recommendations based on the WHO's Circular No. 4202 from the 31st of January 2020. These are mainly aimed at preventing the spread of the virus in the maritime community.

On the 27th of February 2020, the President of Mexico, Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, stated that vessels with suspicious cases, or confirmed coronavirus would be treated indiscriminately, and that they would not be denied access without previous fair treatment and protocols.

25 March: All Mexican ports are working under normal circumstances and are only applying UN international sanitary recommendations to avoid the virus to enter the country.

Up to this moment, all vessels are working under normal circumstances, however, formalities before the immigration and customs authorities within the ports have been reduced to about 50-70% due to the contingency. Due to this, formalities/paperwork is taking longer than usual.

20 March: Passenger traffic is suspended to /from Italy, Spain and France.

For cargo ships up to now there is no general restrictions or quarantine however preventive measures have been implemented as per a note n° 7/2020 from Ministry of Equipment Transport & Logistic dated 14/03/2020 attached herewith (although in French).

- Vessels shall remain at anchorage time for health authority entitled to deliver free pratique to evaluate the risks and fix the preventive measures to take for persons accessing the ship, in accord with port authorities;
- After berthing no physical contact should be made with people from shore and crew members are not authorized to land excepted extreme urgency case and under the control of health authorities;
- Pilot must be equipped with FFP2 mask and gloves when meeting the Master and crew who should also wear protection equipment;
- The agent is the unique interface with the Master. He shall access on board after withdrawal of crew members from gangway;
- Official documents should be placed under plastic film and should be disinfected prior being remitted to authorities;
- Local security committees may take additional measures in case of exceptional situation not anticipated in this note.

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At Casablanca Port authority (ANP) issued a note on 16/03/2020 to the various stevedore companies referring to the note n° 7/2020 from Ministry of Equipment Transport & Logistic dated 14/03/2020 above and implementing additional preventive measures such as:

- Require for stevedore staff who has to board the vessel the use of protection equipment (gloves, bib, antiseptic solution)
- Forbid any person acting as service supplier the board ships. Watchmen should exert their watch from shore; regarding collect of waste waters or oily waters the connection of hoses on vessel side must be done by the crew, solid wastes shall be collected on shore.
- Require to raise the gangway after completion of administrative formalities

Operations at the Port of SAFI are almost normal, however, please note:

- No reduction of shifts (3 shifts) have been ordered.
- No crew changes are permitted.
- No surveyor, superintendent or technician from outside Morocco are allowed.

- No crew member is allowed to leave the vessel except for emergencies, gangway up.
- Auxiliary services staff such as shiphandlers, waste disposal, watchmen are not allowed to go board.
- Safety clothes are compulsory.

As regard the surveyors access to Moroccan ports and ships although we have not been provided with official information in that respect for the time being there are no restrictions however surveyors should stay on board the minimum time necessary to perform their survey / investigation.

Situation in courts – The Ministry of Justice ordered on 16/03/2020 p.m. the suspension until further notice of the activity in Moroccan courts. Only the hearings in way of emergency proceedings and those in relation to criminal pending matters are maintained. Thus the pending cases before commercial courts are suspended as well as the introduction of new proceedings.

27 March The state of sanitary urgency is in force until 20/04/2020 18 :00 it and may be reconducted as necessary. As from 06:00 p.m. till 06:00 a.m. people are not authorized to be outside unless for health emergency cases or for specific professional reasons. Movement between cities is not authorized as a matter of principle.

Ports are operating normally with specific prevention measures as detailed above.

Regarding surveyor's activity the surveyors are not allowed to access OCP terminal at Casablanca and Jorf Lasfar. As a consequence they can neither board ships berthed at OCP terminals. At Casablanca port the situation for surveyors is a bit confused. Depending on the terminal and also the agent the surveyor may or may not board the ships. There is however no restriction for surveyors as long as they remain on shore (to the exception mentioned above of OCP terminal).

13 March: Port Health requirements due to Corona Virus, all vessels must send the required information before arrival at Beira Port:

1. Maritime Health Declaration
2. Crew list which is mentioned the countries where all crew members have embarked the vessel
3. List of 10 Port of Calls Before Beira
4. Yellow fever vaccination list
5. Declaration from Master confirming that all crew members are in good health conditions since from last Port of departure until arrival in Beira Port
6. Vaccination list

In case is verified any risk situation to Public Health and were confirmed that vessel is coming from infected Countries or crew members, Captains have to declare in Maritime declaration and inform all concerned before arrival of vessel, then will be analysed how long the vessel have taken from previous Port until Beira, at least vessel must have stand 14 days allowed from World Health Organisation, thence Port Health authorities will allow berthing of vessel and Port Health officer will be the first to be on board with appropriate machine to measure the temperature of all crew members, if not have been verified high fever temperature vessel will be allowed to work but all crew members will not be allowed to go ashore.

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25 March: Maputo & Matola

- All Vessels that have undertaken and international voyage, must apply for “Free Pratique” to Port Sanitary and Health Authorities, 24 to 48 hours prior to arriving the Limits of Port Maputo Marine Jurisdiction Area. Port Sanitary and Health Authorities and MPDC Port Authority/Harbour Master’s Office, must be kept updated on any changes to the health status on board the vessel, whilst in Anchorage or while alongside the berth.
- Masters make accurate declarations of health and wellbeing of the crew, and if in doubt, consult with a medical practitioner to be arranged by the vessel agent. Masters unable to communicate in English stand the risk of not receiving services until a translator is arranged by the vessel agent. Any false declaration will be viewed in a serious light and reported to the MPDC Port Authority and Mozambican Health and Sanitary Officials for further action.
- Masters of all vessels are required to display the “Q” Flag if all onboard are healthy and Free Pratique has not been granted by Port Health – means the master declares that all crew & personnel onboard are healthy and he/she requests Free Pratique. The Q Flag is to remain raised on the main mast until the vessel has been cleared by Port Health and Free Pratique has been granted.
- Duty Pilots are to make use of issued personal protective equipment (PPE), protective facial masks,

gloves and long sleeve shirt when boarding any vessel to protect themselves, even if the master has declared all onboard are healthy. The disposable PPE is to remove after every vessel and placed in a sealed plastic bag. The Pilot transport vehicle and the pilot boat will be provided with designated hazardous waste containers.

- All waste removal from Off Port Limit vessels and vessels at anchorages are to cease immediately until advised otherwise. Collection of Grey Waters, Sludge, etc., are included in the restriction.
- No waste including galley waste will be disposed of in Maputo and Matola Ports and in all Port Marine Jurisdiction Area. Galley waste will no longer be accepted at any ports and are to be incinerated on board the vessel.
- All Off Port Limit activities involving foreign vessels and crews to be suspended until further notice.
- Considering the cancelation of flights from other countries to Mozambique, with transit time under 14 days and the transit through other airports, it is not practical to quarantine all people arriving into Maputo and Matola Ports. It is therefore essential to restrict and suspend any specialists visiting from foreign countries until further notice.
- Permission from Port Health and the Harbour Master's Office is required prior to any interaction with vessels (i.e. vessels with any person having any illness). This also applies to bunker barges/ships and small vessels.
- Shore leave for Crews which vessels are alongside of any quay of Maputo and Matola Ports are not allowed. Visitors to vessels restricted to essential personnel only. Cancelled the emission of Shore Passes to Crew Members.
- Limited interaction between bunker operator and vessels permitted. Crew to ensure gloves are provided and used when handling mooring lines & all preventative precautions are upheld – no crew changes permitted for bunker barges or vessel taking fuel from foreign countries.
- No Crew changes will be permitted for any Off-Port Limit calls including vessels at anchorage.
- Vessel's passengers and crew transfers will not be permitted in Maputo and Matola Ports and in all Port Maputo Marine Jurisdiction Area.
- Applications for services to be render to vessels and on board vessels will be thoroughly assessed before Permission is Granted by the Harbour Master.

The above will not be applied to MEDVACS for medical emergencies, provided that all necessary MPDC Port Protocol and Port Sanitary and Health Authorities are adhered to.

Myanmar Immigration suspended visa on arrival for all Chinese citizen. Maritime Port Authority no longer gives shore passes to Chinese crew and no longer allow crew change.

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18- Mar Port health officers will attend and board all incoming vessels on arrival. Health cards will be given to each crew to complete and sign on arrival. Master of vessel must declare crew health prior vessel arrival. Effective March 15, travel suspension for any foreigner who has travelled to Korea and China virus hot spots in the past 14 days. Myanmar citizens who have been to hot spots in Korea and China will be quarantined at designated facilities. All individual who travelled to areas in Korea that were not hot spots will be subject to 14 day home quarantine. Anyone who has travelled to Italy, Iran, France, Spain, Germany will be subject to 14 day quarantine at a designated facility.



25 March:

- The following ports entry are closed for passengers: Oshikango, Katwitwi, Wenela, Buitepos, Ariamsvlei, Noordoewer, Luderitz and Walvis Bay.
- The travel ban is extended to all countries around the World for a period of thirty (30) days and applies to all Namibians and permanent residents
- Any foreign vessels calling for the purposes of conducting dry docking and/alongside-repairs will be required to first self-quarantine at a suitable anchorage for at least 14 days. Time spent sailing from the previous port of call to our port can be taken into account in reducing the quarantine period at anchorage.
- Compliance with this self-quarantine requirement will be pre-requisite prior to any relevant vessels being given port clearance to come through into the ports.
- Any foreign vessels intending to undergo repairs at anchorage will be required to first self-quarantine at a suitable anchorage for at least 14 days before any shore-based repair crews will be allowed to board that vessel. Time spent sailing from the previous port of call to our port can be taken into account in reducing the quarantine period at anchorage.

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1 April: Upon completion of the mandatory quarantine period, the vessel must then be medically screened (again) and cleared by all the relevant authorities including Namport, before a pilot will board. Namport may grant exemptions to this restriction, should such exemptions be in the best interests of the Republic of Namibia and in the case of certain emergencies on board.

The port of Rotterdam remains operational. Cargo handling and production continues unabated. The Harbour Master Division is monitoring safety and public order on the water 24/7.

The Port of Rotterdam Authority has taken steps to safeguard the continuity of business operations, and is advising and assisting clients to keep them informed of developments. As the situation relating to the spread of coronavirus is changing very rapidly, new measures including those requiring additional measures are likely in the days and weeks to come.

The following measures have been taken:

- Employees of the Port of Rotterdam Authority are working from home as much as possible and can be reached by email. Operational services continue and the Harbour Coordination Centre remains accessible 24/7.
- All events, receptions and non-essential training courses have been postponed or cancelled.
- All seagoing vessels are required to submit a Maritime Declaration of Health (MDoH) before arriving at, or being piloted in, the port of Rotterdam. That procedure is already in place for cruise vessels. It does not apply to inland shipping.

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Amsterdam port is closed to all sea and river cruise ships, and all events are cancelled until 1 July 2020.

Daily consultations are being conducted with terminals in the port area about the impact of COVID-19 measures and the current state of affairs.

The Port of Amsterdam requests all ships entering the port to submit a Maritime Declaration of Health (MDoH), regardless of the situation on board. This must be sent at least 6 hours prior to arrival at the Pilot Station and must have been signed in the last 24 hours. In case of deviations from the Maritime Health Declaration, Port of Amsterdam will contact the Municipal Health Service

New Zealand GAC

From midnight on Wednesday 25 March, the country will be at a level 4 lockdown. This means that citizens are instructed to stay at home and all non-essential businesses are to close.

The Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency, NIMASA has issued guidance in MN 03/20/sN01 <https://nimasa.gov.ng/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/COVID-19-Marine-Notice-IV.pdf>

International vessels or crew members/passengers with history of visiting any country with reported cases of COVID-19 since February 1, 2020 are barred from entering into any Nigerian ports from March 30, 2020 to April 21, 2020 at the earliest and only international vessels with thermal screening facilities for passengers and crew may be allowed to berth at Nigerian ports. The COVID-19 Marine Notice requires passengers and crew members on board vessels seeking to berth at Nigerian ports to fill out a Self-Reporting Form after which they would be subject to thermal screening by a Port Health Officer (“PHO”) to declare them COVID-19 free.

In a circular issued by the Chief Justice of Nigeria (“CJN”) and Chairman of the National Judicial Council, Hon. Dr. Justice I. T. Muhammad, CFR, on March 23, 2020 (the “Directive”), all Heads of Courts, Federal and States Judiciary have been directed to suspend Court sittings for an initial period of two (2) weeks at the first instance, except in matters that are urgent, essential or time bound according to extant laws of Nigeria.

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Nigeria	Acas Law	9-	31 March: The country is under lockdown.
	McLeans – WAM	Apr	The ports of Warri and Port Harcourt continue to operate normally are opened but activity challenged by the restrictions imposed by state on “social distancing”, logistic challenges to move around and “stay home” directives. There is no lack of stevedores for the time being. However the situation involves manpower and other challenges.
	Bloomfield Law Practice		Ports Authority announced a suspension of demurrage/terminal storage fees and charges for a couple of weeks with effect from March 23rd 2020. =
			All other port activities to do with crew, quarantine and disembarkation appear as before in spite of COVID 19. However crew changes are prevented by the closure of Lagos international airport.
			9 April: The Lockdown Regulation does not apply to Lagos seaports as the President ordered all seaports in Lagos to remain operational subject to the Docking Directives (the “Operational Regulation”). Terminals at Lagos seaports (such as APM Terminal, PTML Terminal, ENL Terminals and SIFX Terminal) are complying with the Operational Regulation and implementing the Terminal Storage Waiver

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The Norwegian Government has closed all airports and harbors, and only Norwegian citizens are allowed to enter. Exceptions are made for crew and other professionals needed to handle the flow of goods and transports, including vessel crew. However, crew changes need to be held to an absolute minimum. Crew members and other persons on board who have not had any contact with persons outside the ship, and who are signing off in Norway after at least days on board without any symptoms, may be regarded as not infectious and do not need to be put in quarantine. Quarantine can be served on board, for at least 14 days after crew last went ashore in non-Norwegian port. However, quarantine can be imposed for on- and off-signing crew in Norway. Shore leave is NOT permitted in any Norwegian ports. All ports in Norway are closed for passenger transport, but cruise ships can come alongside for provisions, water supply, garbage removal and crew changes. Passengers and crew are not allowed to leave ships. Visitors, services and inspections must be kept at an absolute minimum, and may in some ports not be allowed. Loading/unloading operations at shipping terminals and flow of goods is not affected by this decision, but some HSSE precautions have been implemented related to Corona virus.

1 February: Governmental department Port Health Establishment issued a travel advisory that includes:

- Vessels must submit a health declaration that there are no symptoms on board
- No crew disembarkation until clearance from Port Health is obtained
- Suspected infected vessels will be isolated at outer anchorages

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The Port Qasim Authority further requires that crew from foreign vessels are not allowed to disembark

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24 March: All ports and terminals are operational and working with most critical staff as per their prescribed COVID-19 response plans for ports to ensure business continuity. However, delays in operations may be expected.

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Apr 25 March: AIV (Pvt) Ltd. provide COVID-19 procedures for Port Qasim and Karachi which can be downloaded using links on the left.

[Port Qasim producers](#)

1 April: As a result of lockdown and restriction of movement of people/vehicles, the time duration for lifting of cargo from the ports is exceeding the free time as allowed to the importers under normal course of business.

[Karachi procedures](#)

Given the current situation and to facilitate trade, it is requested that demurrage and detention charges may not be charged from the importers for a period of 15 days in addition to the free time already allowed by the port authorities.

17 March: Air travel to and from Europe and Asia remain suspended. This has caused problems for ship personnel who land ashore for medical reasons and once fit to fly are unable to be repatriated until flight restrictions are lifted.

Only Panamanian citizens and/or residents are allowed to enter the country.

The Maritime Courts have suspended all terms and operations limited to matters of urgency including ship arrests.

Only local personnel, suppliers, surveyors etc are allowed to board vessels at the anchorages and terminals.

31 March: The lockdown has been extended, limiting movement even further. Exceptions remain for basic public services, some services to vessels, terminals and Panama Canal operations which continue uninterrupted.

2 April: GAC advise that vessels with confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19 are prohibited from transiting the Panama Canal and must comply with the required quarantine period. All transiting vessels must adhere to the following protocols established by the ACP in response to COVID-19:

- All vessels are required to report the health conditions on board through the Panama Maritime Single Window System (VUMPA). In case of non-compliance and/or providing false information, the vessel will be subject to penalties and/or transit restrictions.
- All vessels are required to report through VUMPA if and when crew changes took place at ports with confirmed COVID-19 cases within 14 days prior to arrival at Panama Canal waters.
- All information reported through VUMPA will be verified prior to the vessel's arrival.
- Upon arrival at Panama Canal waters, a Panama Canal admeasurer will call the vessel via VHF radio to confirm whether there are any crewmembers or passengers on board showing virus-related symptoms.
- The Panama Canal admeasurer will then embark and verify the Maritime Health Declaration information previously submitted and confirmed by the master through VUMPA.
- The admeasurer, after embarking, will again verify with the vessel's master or officer in charge that there are no passengers or crewmembers on board showing COVID-19 virus related symptoms.
- Should there be any suspected cases of COVID-19 on board, and, due to the severity of the symptoms, it could be concluded that there is a contagious disease on board, the Maritime Health Unit of MINSA will be called to embark the vessel.
- During this time, boarding and disembarking will be prohibited and the yellow quarantine flag will

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- be flown, denoting that the ship is under quarantine.
- The next steps will be determined following MINSA's inspection.

MINSA also communicated to all shipping companies that they are required to report any crewmembers or passengers on board exhibiting illness-related symptoms, regardless of whether they are related to COVID-19 or not.



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1. There is a suspension of shore leave by crew by all international vessels calling into all Papua New Guinea [PNG] port facilities.
2. There is a suspension of crew changes in all PNG port facilities.
3. No crew is allowed on the quayside of PNG port facilities.
4. No personnel from the portside are allowed on board any international vessel apart from those performing statutory functions and relevant stevedores.
5. All statutory functions undertaken by receiving PNG port personnel should be done strictly with the PNG National Department of Health guidelines and appropriate PPE.
6. All vessels are to be cleared in the nominated ports and port facilities as gazette by NDOH before any expedition to any other port of remote site.
7. Exemption to any of the above must be made to the Department of Transport for rare consideration.

Deliberate failure to comply with this Direction and Notice is a breach of the Regulation and can warrant a penalty fee of K100,000.00.

Any party having difficulty complying with these directions should immediately contact the First Assistant Secretary – Maritime Security Division on email: [isps@transport.gov.pg](mailto:isps@transport.gov.pg) or Ph. 3236187.

The Peruvian Transport Ministry is enforcing new directives aiming to prevent new cases. Every vessel (cargo or passenger) calling Peruvian ports will be subject to an inspection at anchorage prior to berthing.

The inspection will be carried out by personnel from the National Port Authority in liaison with The Maritime International Health Direction and the Ministry of Health.

Effective midnight today Sunday 15th March 2020, a National State of Emergency will enter into force in all Peru. The intention is that all Peruvian population stay at home for the next 15 days. With exception of those people essential to certain activities needed by the population, such as; health, food and banking services. In particular frontiers will be closed and this includes inbound passenger; planes and ships that will not be allowed to disembark; crew or passengers in the country. Marine and river Cargo transport and stevedoring operations are excepted in the National State of Emergency and ensuing social isolation.

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hus, these operations of import, export and cabotage will continue. The complimentary measures taken to put in force the above; National State of Emergency and the limitations this will cause will be informed.

Some Peruvian ports are experiencing shortages of stevedores due the COVID-19 emergency status declared on 16 March and the 20:00-05:00 curfew put into force on 18 March, until 30 March.

Matarani halted operations 19 March) probably until the end of March. ILO (Enapu) stopped operations 18 March, again until the end of the month.

Paita, Salaverry, Chimbote, Callao and Pisco are currently reported to be operating as normal.

The Department of Health Circular 2020-0034 dated 4 February 2020 provides:

**Cruise Ships**

Cruise ships that have sailed from China, Macau or Hong Kong in past 14 days are not allowed to dock in any Philippine port.

Cruise ships that have not called in China, Macau or Hong Kong in past 14 days are allowed to dock but must provide health declaration, travel itineraries and undergo screening.

No Filipinos are allowed to embark in any cruise ship going to China

**Cargo Ships**

All vessels that have sailed from China, Macau or Hong Kong in past 14 days must be boarded at the quarantine anchorage.

Upon arrival at the quarantine anchorage, hoist the yellow flag at the foremast and immediately inform the quarantine station via agents. No embarkation or disembarkation allowed.

Quarantine boarding formalities – Master to submit a health declaration and the Bureau of Quarantine will issue free pratique

In all cases, the master must report to the Quarantine medical Officer (QMO) if any flu-like symptoms on board. Waste disposal not allowed from vessels that called in China, Macau or Hong Kong in past 14 days

The POEA have issued guidelines in POEA Memorandum Circular (MC) 2020 / 03 dated 27 February 2020

The Philippine health authorities have declared a Code Red sublevel 2 status in the country. The government has now declared the whole of Metro Manila under a state of community quarantine starting 15 March 2020 until 14 April 2020. During this period, land, domestic air and domestic sea travel to and from Metro Manila will be suspended, schools will be closed, government work in the executive department will be suspended (but will have skeletal force; likely to be adopted by the judicial department) and flexible working arrangements are encouraged to be adopted in the private sector. While the agencies of the government are expected to provide guidelines on the implementation of the community quarantine, the situation will be assessed on a day-to-day basis.

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The entire island of Luzon is under “enhanced community quarantine” – “strict home quarantine shall be implemented in all households; transportation shall be suspended; provision for food and essential services shall be regulated; and heightened presence of uniformed personnel to enforce quarantine procedures will be implemented.” Nevertheless, the movement of cargoes to and from the Philippines shall remain unhampered although delays may be expected as strict quarantine measures are being implemented. Luzon ports shall continue to be open to cargo ships.

Embarkation or disembarkation of crew is not permitted as a general rule except in the case of Filipino seafarers joining or disembarking the vessel, subject to the requirements imposed by the government.

The port of Villanueva has adopted stringent policies which affects surveyor attendance. The port will not allow access to persons other than local stevedores  
Foreign Vessels are banned from docking at any port in the Province of Siquijor until further notice.

Surigao Del Norte: Travel ban to all incoming and outgoing domestic vessels. All incoming foreign vessels (regardless of nationality and the country of origin) will be banned to enter the province.

Subic vessel and terminal operations:

- Vessels that made calls from China, Hong Kong and Macau within the last 14 days will be subject to Boarding Formalities at the designated Anchorage area.
- Seaport Boarding Formalities and Pre-Departure Inspection shall be conducted in apron/open areas.
- Suspension of crew disembarkation for all vessels including liberty for foreign military personnel and crew change for all vessels.
- Garbage collection, especially for food waste and animal products, is prohibited.
- Delivery of ship supplies are allowed only for confirmed orders. No solicitation will be allowed on board the vessel.
- Provisions shall be handled through ship’s provision crane only.
- Prohibition of visitors for vessel crew.
- Pull out of Seaport personnel at the One Stop Shop (NCT). One Stop Shop services/processes will be conducted at the Seaport Administration Building during the effectivity of the ECQ.
- Cargo checking services at the NSD Station, Coastal Station and Main Station shall operate from 0800H to 2200H.
- Releasing of cargoes at NSD will be allowed until 2400H.
- Tipo Station and NCT Station shall remain open 24/7

7 April: The Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) in Luzon has been extended until 30 April 2020 to

prevent the spread of coronavirus infections and further enhance the capacity of the country's health facilities. The ECQ was implementation of strict home quarantine, suspension of work in both the government and private sectors and as well as suspension of public transportation.

Summary of present containment measures in force in Poland:

- Border closed except for repatriation, international transport etc.
- Polish nationals returning to the country will be under a 14 day quarantine period and must stay at home.
- Ban on internal travel with the exemptions.
- Medical services restricted to urgent cases only.

Ports are operating normally with no delays currently being experienced. Quarantine regulations and preventative measures for the port of Gdynia can be found here: <https://www.port.gdynia.pl/en/coronavirus/1713-communication-of-poga-s-a>

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Apr Correspondents are reporting that:

- On arrival vessels are bordered by the port fire brigade dressed in suitable PPE. All crew members have their body temperature taken and if any of the crews' temperature exceeds 38 degrees centigrade, the vessel will immediately be instructed to proceed to anchor and is subjected to a 14 day quarantine.
- No shore leave is permitted.
- Crew changes are not being permitted.
- Repairs are not being conducted and foreign superintendents are not permitted to enter the country.
- Local visitors (agents etc) are required to complete a Locator Form (PLF).

### **Mesaieed Port**

- Vessels are permitted to call to Mesaieed port, except for those calling directly from Iranian ports, which are subject to 14 days' waiting period before being allowed entry.
- All vessels must submit Corona Virus declaration, Maritime Declaration of Health, Master's Declaration, Last 10 Port of call and crew list & temperature reading of all onboard 72 hours before arrival/berthing and resubmit 48, 24, 12, 6 and 3 hours prior to arrival.
- If any crew are suspected of COVID 19 infection, the port shall contact the medical authorities for assistance and testing. After clearance, vessels are being permitted to berth.
- Entry into the country has been suspended for all nationalities except for Qataris. No shore leave is permitted, including berth and jetty, unless in case of emergency and subject to approval from Port Management. No crew changes are authorised until further notice.

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### **Hamad Port**

- All vessels to submit Declaration form with Pre – Arrival Information 72/48/24 Hours prior arrivals
- No other requirement officially announced so far

### **Ras Laffan Port**

- All vessel calling Ras Laffan, Maritime Health Declaration normally need to be submitted to regulation department 72 Hrs prior to arrival, in addition Master need to update & resubmit MDH 24 Hours prior berthing also.
- If vessel arriving directly from China or called in china, the quarantine period commences on departure China, Ras Laffan port regulation will review the departure date from China and berth if vessel completed 15 days of quarantine period before calling Qatar.
- If any crew onboard suspected with Corona Virus, Ministry of Health will attend the vessel for inspection, pilot will board once Ministry of Health approved to board.
- Off signers from foreign vessels should attend screening inside port. All off signers should wear mask & gloves upon leaving from vessel till they exit from Qatar.
- Crew arriving from Halul island or area operating directly by QP should complete Corona virus screening inside Ras Laffan port.
- On Signers will screen at Hamad International airport only
- A list of off-signers should be prepared for all those who hold a valid Qatar seaman visa, completed their stay inside country above 40 days, mentioning their sign-on date, and sent to

[crewdesk.raslaffan@gac.com](mailto:crewdesk.raslaffan@gac.com) for submission to Port/Immigration authorities at the earliest. Port & Immigration are instructed to complete the sign-off of crew members staying above 40 days at a time from a vessel or cancel all sign-off till situation back to normal.

- While booking exit flight ticket, make sure airline will accept the crew members to board the flight, otherwise crew will stuck inside the country and the Immigration department will take necessary action against crew/agents/vessel owners. Crew members are not permitted to stay in a hotel and wait for exit flight.

No more seaman or business visa application are being accepted by the Immigration Department till further notice.



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A lockdown has been implemented over the whole country. Activities and movement of people among the country has been restricted and very limited – e.g. meetings of more than 50 people are forbidden, and Curfew from 08.00 pm to 05.00 am. A health state emergency has been established in the country.

The port of Pointe Noire is opened to the containers and general cargo ships. Commercial operations tend to be carried out as usual.

The conditions of access are regulated with the passage of health services on board for a systematic control of the sanitary situation of the crew on the harbour before berthing.

Health Services are sending their agents prior Pilot arrival for sanitary inspection (using thermoflash).

If any crew member gives indication of contamination, the vessel won't be authorized to operate in Pointe Noire.

A list of last ports visited is to be sent to the Port Authority 48 hours before arrival.

There is no lack of stevedore

Crew changes are currently prevented as the Congolese Government suspended international flights from 20.03.2020 until 15.04.2020, deadline to be reconsidered. Furthermore, no shore passes are issued.

Port -Reunion is open but vessels have to fill-in the maritime declaration of health and give a list of embarking crew members (with date and place of embarkation).

Before arrival MRCC contact the Master and check if no crew members are ill on board.

The Master has an obligation to inform of whether or not symptomatic persons are on board. Failure to do so is an offense punishable by imprisonment and fine  
If no suspicion, free pratique granted.

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Apr If suspicion, vessel stay at anchorage waiting for health authorities' intervention.

An official document will be issued soon by the authorities.

All requests for special operations at Port-Reunion are under the control/approval of the authorities.

All requests are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

All ships arriving from risk areas will be subjected to thorough checks inclusive of physical examination of crew, checking of ship's medlogs as well as crew lists to verify travel history.

If no suspect cases, the ship will proceed to berth with crew members being forbidden to go ashore till expiry of the 14 days incubation period. Operations can progress with limited contact, PPE, a distance of minimum 2 meters and or no longer than 15 minutes.

If suspect cases, quarantine will be established during which vessel will await at roads and the only permitted operations be supply of food/water/medications. Suspect cases be referred to Constantza Contagious Disease Hospital as per procedures where analysis to either confirm or disprove the case be carried out.

If positively confirmed infection with COVID-19, the sick will receive treatment and the ship will remain in quarantine as per procedures.

If analysis show negative result, the quarantine will be lifted after the expiry of the incubation 14 days.

Disinfection will be carried out by authorised specialized companies.

25 March: Romanian authorities would bind any vessel calling Black Sea and Danube River ports to a 14 day quarantine period at roads prior to be allowed in port. While indeed legal text states that 14 days begin running as from vessel's sailing out of the last port situated in a red or yellow risk zone, in practice Interservices SA have encountered situations where 14 days began running as from vessel's call at Romanian ports. Exercise caution on how authorities would view running of 14 days.

31 March: All vessels calling at Romanian ports will be allowed to berth alongside the ports only if vessels are found to be equipped with necessary protection equipment. This includes:

- Disposable protective gloves,
- Disposable face mask with filter
- Protection glasses
- Alcohol type disinfectant/sanitizer
- Disposable overalls. If disposable overalls are not available, the overalls made of cotton should be available, which can be removed before the pilot gets in the pilot boat. (Only for the vessels whose last port of call was one of the Countries where the pandemic was widespread)

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If the vessels are found not to be equipped with necessary protection materials, then they will have to wait in quarantine period for 14 days counting from the date of last port of call.

Please note that there are two anchorage areas where the ships are allowed to wait in quarantine. One of these areas for the vessels coming through Black Sea is the port of Sulina and for the vessels which sail through the Bystroye Canal is in the 44 miles off Danube River.

## Federal

- In most of regions of the country strict quarantine regime has been imposed by the local government. Currently in all the main ports of Russia: Saint-Petersburg, Novorossiysk, Vladivostok, Kaliningrad, all South Russian Black and Azov Sea ports the above-mentioned regime is applicable.
- It does not, however, restrict the ports, port authorities and stevedoring companies from their main activities.
- In most of locations, the marine services providers, such as forwarders, agents and correspondents are to be included into the special list of licensed entities by the local government. Licensed entities allowed to continue activity within the regulated period

All the checkpoints across the state border of the Russian Federation, including Russian ports of Black Sea established the following for arriving vessels:

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	PANDI Services East		
	<a href="#"><u>Black Sea Port Update</u></a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Vessels are treated as risky</b> if they are arriving from countries: China, Italy, the Republic of Korea, the Islamic Republic of Iran and (or) persons on board arrived from these countries within the incubation period (14 days).<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ But if there is no suspicion of any infection of crew:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Agents arrange and send specialists of the sanitary quarantine point (hereinafter SQP) of Rospotrebnadzor (state authority). The detailed information regarding vessel's route shall be provided to agents two days before calling the port.</li><li>2. Agents arrange disinfection measures, which are carried out by a specialist (disinfector) of the organization. Depending on the consideration of the Harbour Master, disinfection is carried out at outer road, also before any state control's procedures. All pilots are wearing special protective clothes.</li><li>3. After the disinfection, the SQP specialist, in personal protective equipment, gets on board the vessel, conducts medical examination; thermometry to the crew members and interviews. In most cases the analyses are taken from the crew. Currently it takes several days to obtain the results of such analyses.</li></ol></li></ul></li></ul>

4. In the absence of infected crew (or supposedly infected), SQP specialist permits all types of state control and other works. All individuals arriving on board the vessel (port state control, terminal representatives and stevedores, other organizations representatives) must use personal protective equipment (masks, gloves, glasses) to carry out work onboard.
  - - If suspected infected crew members on board then measures are to be done at the outer road or sanitary berth.

### **Novorossiysk**

As of 20 March, the list of epidemiological risk countries has been updated. If a vessel has crew members or passengers from epidemiological risk countries who boarded within the last 14 days before arrival to Novorossiysk, or if the ship has visited one of the listed epidemiological risk countries within the last 14 days, disinfection of the ship will be required upon arrival.

The current list of epidemiological risk countries is as follows:

1. Disinfection is required and compulsory: China, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, Spain, The Republic of Korea
2. Highly likely disinfection will be required: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Great Britain, Greece, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, USA.
3. Disinfection can be required: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Brunei, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Butane, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech, Dominican Republic, DR Congo, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Finland, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Latvia, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Moldova, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Namibia, Nepal, New Zealand, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Guinea, Republic of the Congo, Romania, Russia, Rwanda, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Tanzania, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, UAE, Ukraine, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vatican, Venezuela, Vietnam.

Only Group A countries are currently subject to the compulsory disinfection. Groups B) and C) as a

preliminary assumption only. The final decision on the need for disinfection will be taken by the Sanitary Authority for each particular vessel, depending on the actual epidemiological situation at the time of the decision.

After the disinfection on board all crew and passengers are subject to the medical check. Doctor must check crew temperature and general condition of the crew. If everything is good and no risks or sick persons found on board the Sanitary Doctor will confirm possibility to make Inward Clearance and obtain a full free pratique. After inward clearance formalities the vessel is allowed to perform cargo operations.

### **Kavkaz and Taman**

- All vessels are subject to risk assessment by Health authorities on an individual basis.
- Focus is made on the 14-day incubation period and health condition of the crew.
- Shore leave may be limited for all foreign citizens (crew and passengers) at any port and any time.
- Screening on vessels arriving from any country is being conducted by Health authorities.
- Certificates of disinfection from the other countries are no longer accepted. As of 11 March 2020, no special restrictions or measures have been announced yet.

Taman Immigration authorities have temporarily restricted shore leaves for the following persons:

- Citizens of the People Republic of China, Republic of Korea, Italy and Iran arriving as crew members.
- Crew members – foreign citizens, who visited ports of Italy, People Republic of China, Republic of Korea, and Iran during the last 14 days before arrival at Taman seaport.
- In daytime the vessels are visited by the sanitary services for identification of the crewmembers or passengers displaying symptoms compatible with the disease by temperature screening and examination. There is no screening during the night shifts.
- A list of the previous ten ports of call must be provided by Agents to Immigration authorities.
- Although there is no official requirement for a 14-day quarantine at anchorage, at the beginning of March a vessel coming from one of coronavirus-affected countries was not allowed to proceed for berthing until the expected incubation period of 14 days had expired

### **Tuapse**

As of 20 March, all vessels arriving at Tuapse port are subject to a temperature screening of the crew members before commencement of the inward clearance formalities. There are no any other special

measures in force.

### **Kaliningrad**

Crew members who arrived to Kaliningrad on the vessels that departed from High Risk countries / ports less than 14 days before their arrival to Kaliningrad are demanded to stay on board at all times while the vessel is berthed, NOT to attend shops, pharmacies and/or any public places, NOT to use public transport; to avoid contacts with others, to comply with hygiene and sanitary protection requirements (body temperature screening twice a day and keeping temperature records).

Authorized representatives of Shipowners and their agents are held responsible for enforcement of the above requirements.

### **Murmansk and Kandalaksha**

Starting from 00.00 on 16.03.2020 and until further notice all crew members returning to Russia from other countries, especially from Norway, are to undergo a compulsory medical examination through the established procedure, social withdrawal / self-imposed isolation is not considered sufficient.

Starting from 00.00 on 17.03.2020 and until further notice, disembarkation and shore leave is prohibited to crew members having arrived on the vessels from foreign ports to the ports of Murmansk and Kandalaksha in cases where these vessels had left foreign ports less than 14 calendar days before they arrived to Murmansk / Kandalaksha. Harbor Masters of the ports are to take adequate measures to ensure implementation of the said requirements.

### **St Petersburg**

As of 31 March, in St. Petersburg only people aged 65+ are recommended to stay home, no further restrictions have been announced yet. Ports are operating with limitations: the vessels' crew is not allowed to disembark while the vessel remains berthed at the ports; ship agents and surveyors are given access on board, always provided that they are properly protected by face masks and latex gloves.



Crew change is strictly prohibited for vessels arriving from outside the United Arab Emirates.

### **Abu Dhabi**

Abu Dhabi Ports announced on 10 March that the following will take effect for three months:

- Crew changes are prohibited for vessels arriving from outside Abu Dhabi
- No shore leave is permitted, including berth and jetty unless in case of emergency and subject to approval from harbour master

### **Sharjah**

Operational vessel movements are regular at all ports managed by Sharjah Ports Authority, but the following measures have been introduced for vessels at Sharjah ports to prevent/control the spread of COVID-19:

- Masters of all vessels to provide IMO health declaration duly signed and stamped 72 hours prior to the vessel's arrival, along with port required pre-arrival information including last 10 port of vessel call details and crew list.
- Upon arrival of vessel into port, all crew must undergo health screening at designated facility located in ports.
- If any crew indicate any symptoms of Covid 19, authorities will take necessary actions to quarantine and further medical interrogation.
- Until completion of health screening and clearance from Port (verbal approval) no crew is permitted to go onshore (except health screening) nor any personnel are permitted to go onboard vessels.

Since 17 March, the issue of all types of visas (tourist, visit visa, mission visa & seaman visa) for embarking/disembarking crew members has been suspended/deleted from the online immigration system.

As an additional precautionary measure, effective from today (19 March), the UAE has suspended entry of residency visa holders who are currently out of the country, for a renewable period of two weeks.

The issuance of all types of labour permits, including for drivers and domestic workers, has also been temporarily suspended until further notice. This decision excludes intra-corporate transfer permits and employment permits for Expo 2020.

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Crew embarkation/disembarkation and shore leave passes are strictly restricted.

Offshore attendance at Khor Fakkan port has been temporarily suspended until further notice due to COVID-19

Boarding on any vessel by vessel agents/owners/representatives and surveyors will be permitted only in exceptional circumstances and will be subject to prior approval from the Port Authority. Therefore note at present no surveyors are being allowed to board vessels in Jebel Ali and Abu Dhabi ports. Sharjah and Ras Al Khaimah have not yet restricted the surveyors attendance.

### **Fujairah**

No crew will be permitted to disembark for medical assistance. Any medical assistance should seek boarding of medical team from the Fujairah Port Medical Centre.

11 March: All vessels scheduled to call Dakar Port will now have send by email to the port authority ([capitainerie@portdakar.sn](mailto:capitainerie@portdakar.sn)) and the Health department (Sea border health control) ([Csfmsn@gmail.com](mailto:Csfmsn@gmail.com)), latest 72 hours prior to her arrival the following documents:

- The list of the 10 previous port of call
- The maritime health declaration
- The crew list clearly stressing the date and port where each crew member boarded the vessel

To both:

1. the Harbour Master at [capitainerie@portdakar.sn](mailto:capitainerie@portdakar.sn), and
2. the Maritime Border Health Inspection Services (Service de Contrôle Sanitaire aux Frontières Maritimes) at [csfmsn@gmail.com](mailto:csfmsn@gmail.com)

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25 March: Immigration officers are now looking for clerical errors on the seaman books. The Immigration Officers indicate that the name of the ship and the date of the entry must be completed by the Masters of the ships under the decree dating from 1971 i.e. Article 5 of same i.e. (Crew-members of ships and aircraft calling at ports of call may be allowed to enter the territory on production of the crew's book, License or certificate.) This concerns the date of embarkation of the seaman on the ship as well as the IMO numbers of the particular ship on which he/she embarked. Failure to do so will result in the ship being fined. The amount of the fine has not yet been fixed.

31 March: No official lockdown has been implemented. The country has enforced a curfew from 20.00 hrs LT to 06.00 hrs LT, period during which anyone should stay at home, port workers included. Port activities are also subject to exemptions and yet, the activities at the port out of this period of time remain quite restricted.

The Port of Dakar is opened with very limited activity. Vessels are subjected to quarantine until free pratique is granted for entering the port and berthing. There is a shortage of stevedores.

Crew members are confined onboard and no movement is allowed as all borders – including maritime – are closed.

Disinfection and cleaning services are available at the port.



The port remains open but not to passenger ships. Ships before arrival Port Victoria must do their normal maritime health declaration.

Seychelles Indoceanic Services 8-  
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Sierra Leone ETIC SAS – 26- State of emergency announced 24/03 for 12 days.  
AFRICA P&I Services Mar The Port of Freetown is open.

Since 24 January 2020, the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) has implemented temperature screening at all sea checkpoints, including ferry and cruise terminals, PSA terminals and Jurong Port, for inbound travellers.

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National Environment Agency's (Port Health Office) requirements for all vessels arriving Port of Singapore to submit the Maritime Declaration of Health to the Port Health Office.

The master of the ship is recommended to implement the following additional precautionary measures:

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- Educate crew/passengers of the symptoms of COVID-19, which are:
    - Fever (i.e. temperature above 37.5 degree Celsius);
    - Runny nose;
    - Cough; and
    - Shortness of breath
  - Carry out daily temperature checks for all crew/passengers at least twice daily;
  - Isolate unwell crew/passengers when his/her temperature is above 37.5 degree Celsius. The unwell crew/passengers should also wear a mask; and
  - Disinfect common areas and rooms in the vessel before arrival in Singapore. The disinfection may be conducted by the ship's crew en-route to Singapore. You can refer to the Interim Guidelines for Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection of Areas Exposed to Confirmed Case(s) of COVID-19 in Non-Healthcare Premises issued by NEA for guidance on the disinfection protocols, if needed

[PORT MARINE CIRCULAR NO. 17 OF 2020 \(23 March\)](#)

From 23 March 2020, 2359 hours, all short-term visitors, from anywhere in the world, will not be allowed to enter or transit through Singapore. MPA will apply these additional precautionary measures to all vessels calling at the Port of Singapore.

The Port of Singapore remains open for cargo operations and marine services, including shipyard repairs.

With the application of the additional precautionary measures, crew and passengers on short-term visits will not be allowed to disembark in Singapore for the time being. Crew change in Singapore is also disallowed for the time being.

The National Environment Agency's (NEA) Port Health requires all vessels arriving at Singapore to submit the Maritime Declaration of Health Form

[PORT MARINE CIRCULAR NO. 18 OF 2020 \(23 March\)](#)

MPA has taken the following enhanced measures for vessels arriving Singapore:

- All crew members are advised to take their temperature twice daily;
- All crew members are advised to maintain good hygiene in accommodation areas by cleaning frequently touched surfaces (e.g. desks, door handles, switches, telephones, etc).
- Shipmasters should isolate unwell crew and passengers.
- Shipmasters are required to report unwell crew/passengers to MPA and NEA's Port Health Office (PHO), and make the necessary arrangements to seek medical attention.
- Shipmasters should follow the National Environment Agency's (NEA) guidance for disinfecting common areas and rooms.

All suspected cases of COVID-19 crew/passengers will be assessed and/or tested for COVID-19. If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 on board any vessel, PHO will quarantine the vessel at a designated anchorage or wharf, and in consultation with MOH provide the quarantine requirements for the crew and passengers. During the quarantine period, operations will not be allowed until the quarantine is lifted. If there is a need for any critical operation, PHO's approval will be required and all persons working onboard will be required to don the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) which may include surgical

gowns, masks and gloves.

If there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 on board vessels, there is no restriction on operations.

[PORT MARINE CIRCULAR NO. 19 OF 2020 \(27 March\)](#)

Singapore MPA have issued a Circular – CREW CHANGE FOR CARGO SHIPS UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE PORT OF SINGAPORE, TO MINIMISE RISK OF COMMUNITY SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) IN SINGAPORE.

[PORT MARINE CIRCULAR NO. 20 OF 2020 \(3 April\)](#)

Singapore Ministry of Health (MOH) issued “Additional Measures to Minimise Further Spread of COVID-19”. All business, social, or other activities that cannot be conducted through telecommuting from home will be suspended from 7 April 2020 to 4 May 2020 (inclusive); Essential Services and their related supply chains, as well as entities that form a part of the global supply chain, are exempted from the suspension.

The Port of Singapore will remain open for cargo operations and will continue to provide essential marine services including bunkering, ship stores and ship supplies.

Below the latest marine notices from the South African Maritime Safety Authority regarding the containment of the COVID-19 outbreak. These can be read at: <http://www.samsa.org.za/>

[MN 13 of 2020 – CORONAVIRUS – VESSELS AND SEAFARERS](#)

[MN 14 of 2020 – CORONAVIRUS Information and Emergency Contact Details.pdf](#)

[MN 15 of 2020 -COVID-19 – Update No1 – Government Announcement With Regard To Port Calls From Vessels.pdf](#)

[MN 16 of 2020 – Implementation of March 2020 National Ports Act \(COVID-19 Restrictions on the movement of persons and crew\) Regulations 2020.pdf](#)

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[MN 18 of 2020 – South Africa – 21-Day Lockdown.pdf](#)

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[MN 21 of 2020 – COVID-19 Lockdown – South African Ports Open for Cargo Operations.pdf](#)

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South Africans are encouraged to exercise appropriate hygiene measures, including frequent hand washing, covering of the mouth and nose, avoiding contact with those showing flu-like symptoms, and utilising an “elbow greeting” rather than handshaking.

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18 March 2020: Foreign nationals from high-risk countries will be banned from entering the country. Travel visas will not be issued and all previously issued visas will be revoked. High-risk countries include China, Germany, Iran, Italy, South Korea, Spain, UK, USA

27 March: South Africa commences a 21-day national lockdown at midnight tonight, Thursday 26 March, until midnight on Thursday 16 April 2020. Essential services (as defined) are exempt from the lockdown. South African ports will remain operational to facilitate the import and export of essential goods such as food products, medical supplies and fuel. However, the ports will be operating with reduced staff so delays can be expected.

The following will apply to Bulk, Breakbulk and Automotive Terminals operated by the State-owned Transnet Port Terminals (“TPT”):

- Operations at all Bulk Terminals (mineral mining commodities) will be scheduled as per demand



- from mining customers, subject to approval by the Department of Public Enterprises;
- Mining customers will also have to obtain approval from the Department of Mineral Resources;
  - Should approval be obtained, TPT will request employees in the relevant Bulk Terminals to return to work;
  - Agri-Bulk products (grains, soya bean meal, fertiliser and woodchips) deemed an essential service will operate on a single berth operation at East London, Richards Bay and Durban Agri Terminals;
  - Breakbulk Terminals (“MPTs”) at Cape Town, Richards Bay and Durban Point will operate on a single berth operation to handle essential breakbulk goods and containers;
  - MPTs at East London, Saldanha Bay, Port Elizabeth and Durban will be closed;
  - All Automotive/Ro-Ro Terminals will be closed.

Essential goods and services will be prioritised as follows:

- Essential goods will be prioritised over non-essential goods;
- Each vessel will be required to provide a mandatory import evacuation plan prior to berthing;
- Containers must be cleared and assigned prior to berthing and it will remain the responsibility of the shipping lines to evacuate containers to a suitable facility;
- TPT reserves the right not to berth a vessel should these requirements not be met;
- TPT reserves the right to prioritise the berthing of vessels on a first planned, first served basis at all Terminals;
- TPT reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to change the order of berthing in order to prioritise the handling of essential goods;
- Refrigerated containers will be prioritised over non-essential exports.

The following will apply to the Container Terminals operated by the State-owned Transnet Port Terminals (“TPT”):

- Operating staff at Durban Container Terminal Pier 2 will be reduced to two berths;
- Durban Container Terminal Pier 1, Ngqura Container Terminal (Coega), Port Elizabeth Container Terminal and Cape Town Container Terminal will all operate a single berth operation with approximately half of the current staff complement;
- Cape Town Multi-Purpose Terminal will handle containers on a single berth;
- Durban Point will operate on a single berth for both containers and essential breakbulk goods;
- East London will not handle containers.

Essential goods and services will be prioritised as follows:

- Transhipments will be handled on an exception basis only with prior approval from TPT;
- Essential containers will be prioritised over non-essential containers;
- Each vessel will be required to provide a mandatory import evacuation plan prior to berthing;
- Containers must be cleared and assigned prior to berthing and it will remain the responsibility of the shipping lines to evacuate containers to a suitable facility within the free period;
- TPT reserves the right not to berth a vessel should these requirements not be met;
- TPT reserves the right to prioritise the berthing of vessels on a first planned, first served basis in all Terminals;
- TPT reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to change the order of berthing in order to prioritise the handling of essential containers;
- Landside, inclusive of rail, will remain open but on a reduced resource basis;
- Acceptance of exports on rail will only be allowed if they can be physically exported through the applicable terminal;
- Refrigerated containers will be prioritised over non-essential exports;
- Import containers may be for cargo owners who have temporarily ceased operations during the lockdown period and therefore cannot receive the containers. In this case, it is the responsibility of the shipping line/freight forwarder to remove these containers to a depot or bonded warehouse within the free period.

In respect of the port of Durban:

- Port Control will be manned 24/7;
- Tugs and berthing staff will be reduced to 4 tugs and 4 gangs;
- All non-essential vessels that are not working cargo will be required to vacate the port by 22:00 local time tonight, 26 March 2020;
- Durban Container Terminal Pier 1 will be reduced to a single berth operation;
- Durban Container Terminal Pier 2 will be reduced to a two berth operation;
- Island View berths will be limited to IV2 or IV4, IV3 and IV6 or IV7;
- Point will have one berth available for essential cargo;
- Maydon Wharf berths will be limited to three being MW1/2, MW3/4 and MW5 with vessels to dock based on the essential goods list.
- All vessels are required to obtain Port Health clearance 72 hours prior to arrival, even if the previous port was another South African port;
- All vessels are required to obtain ISPS clearance prior to entering the port of Durban;

- No crew changes will be permitted, either in the port or off port limits (“OPL”);
- All bridges, gangways, hand rails and doors must be regularly sanitised;
- The port will only allow disembarkation of returning South African citizens or permanent residents;
- Masters are to enforce strict gangway watches in port;
- No persons will be permitted to embark or disembark a vessel in port without approval from Port Health and Immigration Services;
- No shore leave will be permitted, save in exceptional circumstances, and approved by the South African Police Services and Immigration Services once the Harbour Master has been engaged;
- OPL operations for the supply of stores and equipment will only be permitted subject to the presentation to the Harbour Master, and his approval in writing, for each and every operation, of a Standard Operating Procedure, a comprehensive risk assessment of the operation and a detailed mitigation plan;
- No waste/slops, particularly galley waste and dunnage, may be removed from a vessel;
- No diving activities will be permitted save in an emergency and approved by the Harbour Master;
- Intensive measures are encouraged to be taken for hygiene control including but not limited to: washing of hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, use of an alcohol-based hand sanitiser containing at least 60% alcohol, sanitising of all work surfaces and self-isolation of any crew member when sick;
- Masters are encouraged to conduct relevant risk assessment/s and ensure that all crew members and persons boarding vessels wear the appropriate PPE;
- Masters are to discourage non-essential third parties from boarding their vessels;
- Bunkering to be approved in writing by the Harbour Master and such operations will be permitted subject to limited interaction between the bunker barge and the receiving vessels. The Masters of both the barge and the receiving vessel are to conduct a risk assessment to ensure adequate mitigation measures are put in place, particularly the donning of the correct PPE.

2 April: the South African Maritime Safety Authority, on behalf of the Department of Transport, informs all stakeholders that:

- ALL SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS REMAIN OPEN FOR PORT OPERATIONS
- CARGO OPERATIONS WILL CONTINUE IN ALL PORTS
- STEVEDORE OPERATIONS WILL CONTINUE IN ALL PORTS

ALL TYPES OF CARGO WILL BE ALLOWED TO BE LOADED AND OFF LOADED

The Spanish Government has implemented the “State of Alarm” – extendable depending on the evolution of the situation. Thus, the Spanish Government has established measures that can limit the circulation or presence of persons or vehicles at certain times and in certain places, amongst others. Port and logistic activities related to cargo vessels will continue.

However, personal interaction with personnel from local companies (agents, stevedores, suppliers, etc.) can have certain restrictions; all in views to prevent the spread of the COVID – 19 and guarantee the health of local personnel and crew on board.

All procedural deadlines, hearings and trials, as well as time bars, are suspended during the period of emergency declared back on 14 March 2020.

19 March: Port Authorities have informed that they have maintained with normality the operations that were previewed at their ports. Sanitary measures have been taken in order to minimize any risk of contagious by COVID -19. Crew changes are not allowed during the State Alarm period, at any of the Spanish Ports. If a change of crewmember has to be carried out due to medical reasons, immediate notification shall be made to agents so that the corresponding protocol be put in place by the Authorities.

23 March: Spain to prolong the State of Alarm two more weeks up and until 11 April 2020. There are restrictions to citizens’ movement who have to remain confined in their homes. Border controls have been resumed with France and Portugal. International flights restricted and only Spanish residents and nationals are allowed in the country. Cruise and passenger ships are restricted.

Ports are operating, loading and discharge of goods is on-going. Stevedores and personnel attending on board vessels have to take basic precaution such as the use of masks and keep a safety distance of 1.5 mts from each person in contact.

9 April: State Bulletin Order TMA/330/2020 of 8 April extends the restriction of entry in Spanish ports of passenger ships and ro-ro ships providing regular services between Italy and Spain if they have embarked passengers in Italian ports, with the exception of drivers of traction heads of ro-ro cargo. Cruise vessels coming from any port are also prohibited.

It is expected that this new extension of the period of state of emergency will be agreed until 26 April.

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Ports will continue to be operating, loading and discharge of goods are on-going.

Stevedores and personnel attending on board vessels shall continue to take basic precaution such as the use of masks and keep a safety distance of 1.5 mts from each person in contact.

In case that a vessel calling any Spanish port declares any ill crewmember with signs of COVID 19 or there is a suspicion of health alert, Port Authorities will follow a Technical Instruction where the vessel will be requested to immediately inform, through the Maritime Declaration of Health, to the Port Authority, the Harbour Master or the Maritime Port Traffic Control Centre.

Depending on the circumstances, and after a Health Inspection on board the vessel has been undertaken, the Port Authorities will decide if the vessel remains at anchorage or if allowed to berth at a designated berth.

In addition to the routine declaration, all arriving vessels are required to declare details of all ports of call within the past 14 days. Vessel masters are also required to provide a further health status on board declaration including health issues of crew and or flu like symptoms 12 hours prior to vessel arrival.

Vessels are also required to report on their onboard health status to Port Control at their first point of contact.

Health declaration forms have also been provided to all local agents to be passed on to calling vessels and is required to be completed and submitted to authorities for consideration.

It is mandatory for all crew and passengers landing ashore to fill out a Health Declaration Form for screening by health authorities. Any suspected patients or those with travel history to WHO categorized very high risk countries within the last 14 days may not be provided with the relevant medical clearances by authorities.

Presently all port activities are ongoing as normal without any issues.

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16 March: Authorities have imposed a ban on embarking/disembarking crew, passengers and armed guards as from 1200 hrs LT (GMT + 5.5) today 16 March, and Crew shore leave too would not be permitted. These restrictions have been imposed for 14 days and the situation would be reviewed thereafter. There is no restriction on vessels that have called China, but if the period is less than 14 days – then crew may be subjected to additional medical checks by the Port Health.

18 March: Authorities have imposed restrictions that no persons would be permitted to enter/disembark in Sri Lanka from any vessel or aircraft as of 0400hrs on the 19 March 2020 to midnight of 25 March 2020. Furthermore ship's crew of vessels calling into ports will not be permitted with any shore leave.

All international airports in Sri Lanka have also been shut until 7 April. In case of any on board medical emergencies, we feel that this may be dealt with a case by case basis and will be subject to review and discretion of authorities.

The government has also declared public holidays this week in order to curtail the spread of the virus.

31 March: The current curfew in the districts Colombo, Gampaha, Kaluthara, Puttalam, Kandy and Jaffna will continue until further notice. For the rest of the country (including the ports of Galle, Hambantota and

Trincomalee), was in force until 0600 on 30 March and re-imposed at 1400 hours. During the hours of curfew, movement from one district to another is completely banned except for essential services.

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26 March: Restricted travel for arriving individuals who have travelled to, from or through China within the last 14 days, as well as Hong Kong, South Korea, Japan, Italy and Singapore. Effective 12:01 a.m.

Wednesday 18 March, the restrictions expand to Spain, France, Germany, Iran and the United Kingdom.

The Government of St. Lucia is working with the authorities from Martinique in defining the terms of the commute between the two countries. Persons who have travelled from the U.S. within the last 14 days and who develop respiratory signs and symptoms will be isolated and tested for COVID-19. Effective Monday,

March 16, cruise vessels are also banned.

7 April: St. Lucia's airports were closed to international passenger traffic until 5 April. From Tuesday 7 April, a 10-hour curfew will be in effect from 19:00 to 05:00. Essential services will be provided on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, from 07:00 – 16:00



30 March: A curfew has been imposed in Port Sudan from 20:00 – 06:00 hours.

Also the daily working hours have been adjusted from 08:00 – 13:00 hours, so a reductions in discharge rates can be expected.

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2 April: The Directorate of Health Quarantine have advised that when a ship arrives at Port Sudan, if the voyage has taken 14 days or longer, the vessel can berth on arrival. If less than 14 days, as we understand, the vessel will have to wait at the anchorage until the 14 day period is reached.  
The above does not apply to ships that arrive at Port Sudan via the Suez Canal, in which case all these ships must wait at the anchorage for 14 days.  
All ships on arrival will be boarded by the Port Health to check the crew as necessary.

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Closed from March 13 to all persons and flights. Suriname is currently in lockdown tonight for 3-4 days, however, certain key people will be allowed on the streets, Police, doctors, nurses etc., the government are also keeping the port open as goods (foodstuff) need to come into the country and a limited number of port staff will be allowed to travel to the port to load/discharge vessels, although vessel time in port may be extended due to limited work force.

3 April: The Swedish Transport Agency issued an update to their guidance document “COVID-19 related actions and measures – information from the Swedish Transport Agency as regards shipping”. See <https://www.transportstyrelsen.se/en/About-us/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Key points include:

Decision to temporary restrict non-essential travel to Sweden from countries outside of the European Union

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Ships calling at Swedish ports: Regular routines/procedures are in place and still appropriate. Also, if a ship, arriving to a Swedish port from a foreign port, is carrying or suspects it is carrying an infectious disease onboard, a declaration on the state of health onboard (corresponding to the Maritime Declaration of Health (MDH)) shall be submitted to the relevant authorities (Swedish Coast Guard (Kustbevakningen) or the Swedish Customs (Tullverket)). Such a declaration, containing three general questions on the health status onboard, is to be fulfilled in the Swedish Maritime Single Window (MSW) together with other reporting formalities for ships before entry into port.

18 March: Vessels that called Chinese ports before Thailand must report any symptoms of crew passengers onboard, with intensive screening for those who were in China 14 days prior Symptoms must be reported 24 hours prior arrival.

Any ships from China, H K, Macao, Taiwan, Japan, South Korea, Singapore, Germany, France, Italy and Iran will be monitored by health control Master of all ships must report temperature of crew on board every day, 7 days before arrival in Thai waters.

Authorities will attend on board to perform quarantine screening.

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All crew must have thermal scans and fever condition checked If any crew have fever or a suspected symptom, s/he will be placed under 14 days of quarantine and further check by hospital If individual is found to be infected with Covid 19 on board, that vessel is prohibited to enter the port until health authorities ensure that vessel is free from infection

1 April: The requirement to show evidence of health certificate and health insurance for all crew which the Thai authorities announced on 19 March has now been cancelled and has now been superseded by another announcement on 26 March where both the need to show evidence of a health certificate and health insurance are no longer required.

25 March: Vessels calling in Lomé (Togo) must send the following documents to their agents 72 hours before their expected time of arrival:

- Crew list specifying joining date and port of each crew member.
- Form from Ministry of Health indicating the itinerary of each crew member or passenger over the last 30 days duly completed and signed by the vessel's Master.
- List of the last ten (10) ports of call.
- Maritime Health Declaration.

Vessels whose ETA from a neighbouring port is less than 72 hours away must email all the above documents to their Lomé ship agent as soon as they sail from the previous port.

The vessel's Master must also alert his Lomé ship agent to any suspected COVID-19 case on board. The documents received from the vessel will first be checked by Lomé Port Control and then forwarded to Lomé Port Health Services so that they can decide under what conditions the vessel will be allowed to enter Lomé waters or port:

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- If there is no ascertained risk of infection, the vessel will follow normal berthing procedures as soon as the Health Services have been on board.
- If there is a minor risk of infection, the vessel will not be allowed to enter Lomé waters or port until the Health Services have disinfected the vessel, and no other parties will be allowed to embark or disembark.
- If there is a proven risk of infection, stronger measures will be taken, and the vessel may be banned from entering Lomé waters or port.

A sample of a circular issued by one Lomé agent is to be found [here](#).

A copy of the [form provided by the Ministry of Health concerning the movements of crew members and passengers](#).

1 April: A lockdown has been implemented in the country. However, the port is open with no lack of stevedore to report at the moment.

Crew changes is restricted by the borders' closure.



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- All non-essential activities will be prohibited until 30 April.
- Trinidad & Tobago's borders are closed to all international flights until further notice. This will affect crew changes as no-one will not be permitted to enter the country through the airport or disembark vessels or rigs during this time.
- Protocols are in place to allow sea and air cargo vessels to enter and offload cargo.
- Ship spares deliveries to a vessel or rig already in port are allowed, upon request.
- Bunker and food supplies delivery is not permitted. Special permission may be granted upon request.
- The arrival of cruise ships during the remainder of the cruise season 2019-2020 are not allowed.
- The Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago reported that the following Coronavirus protocols and procedures (COVID19) must be complied by ships calling Trinitarians ports.
- Permission for a ship to enter the port will be granted after complying with the quarantine period or upon displaying Declaration of Health from the Master of Vessel which is compulsory via electronic no later than Forty Eight (48) Hrs, prior to the vessel's arrival and must be submitted to the email: [pposhse@patnt.com](mailto:pposhse@patnt.com).
- Crewmembers of foreign vessels are forbidden to disembark (including cargo vessels).
- Vessels requesting to dock in port must comply with the navigation notices SN1 – 2020, SN2 – 2020 and SN3 – 2020 issued by the MOWT.

All vessels arriving in Trinidad and Tobago, ships must comply with the required documents via the Single Electronic Window e-Maritime Module (Pre-arrival Notification), no later than Seventy Two (72) Hrs, prior to the vessel's arrival.

19 March: All maritime borders in Tunisia have been closed. However, commercial activities related to import and export of commodities continue to operate.

Local Port Authority has informed that in application of the restriction of entrance to the country in order to minimize the spread of COVID – 19, crew changes are prohibited and that any disembark of crewmembers will be strictly related to sanitary reasons, and will be carried out with the authorization of the Health Border Authority.

Free practice would be done at roadstead prior to vessel's entrance and all persons involved in the commercial operations, such as stevedores, agents, suppliers; should take all the necessary precautions (the use of antiseptic gel, gloves, mask) while providing assistance to commercial vessels.

Since Tuesday March 17th, the preventive measure of curfew has been applied in the country. The curfew is from 18h00 LT until 06h00LT, and therefore, the port shifts will be modified. Working hours at ports will be in two shifts distributed as follows: 1st shift from 07h00 LT until 13h00 LT and 2nd shift from 14h00 LT until 17h00 LT.

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Rades Merchant Navy has issued a Circular on preventive measures to reduce the risk of COVID-19:

- All vessels bound for Rades port will be submitted to health service checks on the roads before berthing in the port;
- Crew members are forbidden to leave the vessel and circulate in the port unless there is an emergency;
- Shipowners must specify a disinfected area on the vessel where the crew, the authorities, the local agents, and the stevedores may exchange documents.
- No-one should go on board if there is no necessity.
- All people working in Rades port should be provided with the preventive equipment necessary to guarantee their safety and protect their health.

27 March: Lock down is mandatory with a curfew as from 6 p.m.

The port is open but with some preventive measures that extend the length of the calls. Stevedores' working time has been shortened, medical controlling is performed upon vessels' arrival. Flights and maritime connections for passengers have been postponed.



All offices are closed except for services deemed essential for the functioning of the country.

Tunisian stevedoring companies have introduced a new requirement for vessels berthing in Tunisian ports. Before commercial operations, professional disinfection is required for all vessel surfaces which stevedores are likely to touch, e.g. hatch covers, gangways, ramps, external container walls, doors etc. The stevedores have threatened to refuse to intervene on vessels which do not meet this requirement.

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Turkish ports are operating normally. The authorities are aiming minimum contact between vessel crew and people on shore and on the other hand, there are no operational problems. Vessels enroute to Turkish ports should make required declarations including but not limited to “maritime declaration of health” 48 hours prior to arrival at a Turkish port, whereas the same was applied on 24 hours notice previously.

22 March: Turkey has added Libya, Qatar and Russia to its list of ‘restricted countries’ in terms of COVID-19, bringing the total number to date to 71.

All husbandry services have been suspended at the Tupras Terminals at Tutunciftlik and Aliaga until further notice, due to the outbreak of Covid-19.

Due to congestion at sanitary inspection in the Izmit region, customs control will not performed between the hours of 00:01 to 08:00 local time. Depending on terminal programmes, vessels can drop anchor at the Izmit anchorage area or berth at terminals upon arrival. However, if they arrive between 00:01 LT and 08:00, they will have to wait until 08:00 for customs control.

28 March: all crew changes and attendance of technicians/visitors in the Turkish Straits have been suspended until further notice. Only stores spares can be delivered without any contact between vessel and agency boats.

31 March: All vessels calling at Derince Safi Terminal must be disinfected. The tariff for this compulsory disinfection will be as follows, charged to each vessel until further instructions:

0-5,000 GT: USD 500

5,001-10,000 GT: USD 700

10,001-15,000 GT: USD 1,000

15,001 GT and above: USD 1,500

Sanitary authorities inspect all vessels calling at Ukrainian ports, including Pivdenniy (ex-Yuzhny) port due to risks of COVID-19, i.e. not only vessels from China, Hong-Kong, Far East region or Italy. Authorities carry out temperature screening/measurements of crewmembers.

- Master should submit crew list and all crewmembers should complete the special health list in order to confirm his state of health
- Sanitary inspection onboard take about 1,5-2 hours and if not sick persons onboard and not risk of COVID-19 the free practice granted. Otherwise vessel proceed on anchorage and wait further sanitary authorities' decision.
- All visitors (stevedores, agents, surveyors) should be informed in due course about precaution measures during work onboard and it is prohibited to board the vessel before the completion the Sanitary inspection of crew, passengers onboard.
- All visitors should use a protective disposable mask, latex protective gloves, while onboard which should be remained onboard and ship's administration should store them at special waste box for hazardous waste.
- All visitors should use a disinfection liquids for washing the hands.
- In case of any suspect sick person will be found visitors, agents, crew, Masters should immediately notify Sanitary inspection about this fact for appropriate measures.
- Removal of ship wastes should be discussed with the ship's agent and will be possible after preliminary disinfection treatment only.

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24 March: All the Ports in Ukraine are operating in usual manner. Crew are not allowed to go ashore. No crew changes allowed in Ukrainian ports

25 March: Government of Ukraine extended the period of quarantine in Ukraine until 24 April 2020. Thus all quarantine restrictions remains in force until 24 April 2020 and any seafarers' repatriation to and from Ukraine before this date would be not possible due to quarantine restrictions (closed airports in Ukraine, absence of flights).

All precautions quarantine measures for the vessels calling at Ukrainian ports remains in force as well.

2 April: Cargo customs stations, including ones located in Ukrainian ports, operate in ordinary regime. All merchandizes which move to/from Ukraine are not affected by the restrictions. Surveyors and other parties are allowed to enter the ships on business purposes.

### **Abu Dhabi**

Abu Dhabi Ports announced on 10 March that the following will take effect for three months:

- Crew changes are prohibited for vessels arriving from outside Abu Dhabi
- No shore leave is permitted, including berth and jetty unless in case of emergency and subject to approval from harbour master

### **Sharjah**

Operational vessel movements are regular at all ports managed by Sharjah Ports Authority, but the following measures have been introduced for vessels at Sharjah ports to prevent/control the spread of COVID-19:

- Masters of all vessels to provide IMO health declaration duly signed and stamped 72 hours prior to the vessel's arrival, along with port required pre-arrival information including last 10 port of vessel call details and crew list.
- Upon arrival of vessel into port, all crew must undergo health screening at designated facility located in ports.
- If any crew indicate any symptoms of Covid 19, authorities will take necessary actions to quarantine and further medical interrogation.
- Until completion of health screening and clearance from Port (verbal approval) no crew is permitted to go onshore (except health screening) nor any personnel are permitted to go onboard vessels.

Since 17 March, the issue of all types of visas (tourist, visit visa, mission visa & seaman visa) for embarking/disembarking crew members has been suspended/deleted from the online immigration system.

As an additional precautionary measure, effective from today (19 March), the UAE has suspended entry of residency visa holders who are currently out of the country, for a renewable period of two weeks.

The issuance of all types of labour permits, including for drivers and domestic workers, has also been temporarily suspended until further notice. This decision excludes intra-corporate transfer permits and employment permits for Expo 2020.

Crew embarkation/disembarkation and shore leave passes are strictly restricted. Offshore attendance at Khor Fakkan port has been temporarily suspended until further notice due to COVID-19. Boarding on any vessel by vessel agents/owners/representatives and surveyors will be permitted

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only in exceptional circumstances and will be subject to prior approval from the Port Authority.

Therefore note at present no surveyors are being allowed to board vessels in Jebel Ali and Abu Dhabi ports. Sharjah and Ras Al Khaimah have not yet restricted the surveyors attendance.

### **Fujairah**

No crew will be permitted to disembark for medical assistance. Any medical assistance should seek boarding of medical team from the Fujairah Port Medical Centre.

### **Ras Al Khaimah**

All vessels calling RAK Ports from foreign ports are required to submit the updated Maritime Declaration of Health. The form is available at RAK Ports website: <https://www.rakports.ae/marine/>

The form must be submitted to the port authority (Port Control) 72 hours before arrival at RAK Ports.

Carry out daily temperature checks for all crew/passengers at least twice daily;

Isolate unwell crew/passengers when his/her temperature is above 37.5 degree Celsius. The unwell crew/passengers should also wear a mask;

Disinfect common areas and rooms in the vessel before arrival in the United Arab Emirates.

In addition, all vessels should adhere to the guidance and measures specified in the following Notices:

- Notice to Mariners No. 09 of 2020 – Pilot Embarkation Procedure
- Notice to Mariners No. 06 of 2020 – updated Novel CoronaVirus\_29.02.2020
- Notice to Mariners No. 02 of 2020 – Coronavirus Alert

5 April: The Federal Transport Authority (FTA) has decided on lifting the ship's crew change restrictions gradually, and in the first stage under special circumstances the priorities will be given to:

1. Seafarers with resident visa who are stuck on board their ships.
2. Crews of passenger ships currently laid up in UAE.
3. Crew who are no longer medically fit to work onboard the ship.
4. Seafarers with urgent medical or humanitarian cases.

In order to implement the above, the following requirements must be met:

1. The seafarer should be on board a ship which has left her last international port at least 14 days ago, and there was no contact with any person outside the ship from outside UAE in the last 14 days.

2. Providing air ticket for the seafarer.
3. Submitting a medical statement for the seafarer suffering from the health condition that he is not fit to serve on board the ship and he is able to travel on the flight to his home country.

Milford Haven – Dragon LNG have the following procedures in place with immediate effect:

- Ships agents to only board vessels if they need to have a face to face conversation with Master or for Cash to Master deliveries.
- The following personnel will not be allowed to transit the terminal or board the vessel
  - Company staff from shipping company
  - Surveyors, Class, P&I etc.
  - Service engineers attending non-critical ships equipment
  - Sire Inspectors and Auditors
- No crew changes will be allowed at Dragon LNG. Personnel will be allowed to sign off the vessel but no personnel will be allowed to join.  
Service engineers who need to attend for repair of critical ship systems will require a risk assessment to be carried out in conjunction with marine manager at Dragon LNG and the shipping company.
- Shore leave will be allowed.
- Ship welfare visits will not be allowed unless in an emergency and the Marine Manager will decide whether the Port Welfare Chaplin may visit onboard or will arrange a convenient location for a confidential meeting.

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Government agencies visiting the vessel will only be allowed in an emergency or after completing a Coronavirus questionnaire.

Vessels should report if they have on board crewmembers or passengers who are Chinese nationals or that have embarked in China, clearly specifying the date of embarkation.

It is reminded that the Health Declaration is an affidavit for which the Master of the ship is responsible. In case of misdeclaration, even if unintentional, the Master could face criminal charges for endangering the public health.

When the vessel has on board crewmembers or passengers who are Chinese nationals or that have embarked in China, then:

1. Before berthing, the Master will be requested to report whether there have been any crewmembers or passengers with fever during the last 48 hours. If affirmative, he will also be required to mention any other additional symptoms that may be present.
2. If the Surveillance Service concludes that there may be an infectious transmissible disease, the steps to be taken will be informed, and no access to the vessel will be granted until all requirements have been met.

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[Circular](#)

17 March: Flights from Europe will be cancelled until further notice, effective from next Friday, 20th March. People coming from countries defined as high-risk (i.e. China, South Korea, Iran, Singapore, Japan, Italy, Spain, France, Germany and United States), are obliged to remain in quarantine for a minimum of 14 days.

24 March: A new Presidential Decree was issued, with the following main aspects affecting the maritime industry:

- Passengers and crew members of cruise ships and commercial vessels coming from “high risk areas”, as well as symptomatic ones from any origin port (presenting fever and one or more respiratory symptoms: cough, sore throat or respiratory difficulty), will not be allowed to disembark in the country.
- “High risk areas” are those areas determined by the World Health Organization Health in its daily updates, being included to date Spain, Italy, France, Germany, People’s Republic of China, South Korea, Japan, Singapore and the Islamic Republic of Iran.
- As a consequence of the above, no crew shifts in our ports are allowed from said countries.
- For reasons of public order and health nature, all borders with Argentina and Brazil have been closed and the entrance of non-nationals coming from those countries will not be allowed, whatever the modality of transport.



The international transport of goods, merchandises, correspondence, supplies and humanitarian and health assistance, is exempted from the prohibition on entry into the country.

## San Francisco and Los Angeles

USA – California	Cox Wootton GAC	26- Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Operations continue subject to USCG guidance in MSIB 02-20 (Change 3) and MSIB 07-20 (Ports &amp; Facilities).</li><li>• Agents report that business for bulkers and tankers remains strong. There has also been a surge in cargo claims due to product mishandling and temperature abuse, potentially due to COVID workforce issues.</li><li>• Port state control continues.</li><li>• Agents continue to have access. Most companies have controls on who can board, and require the use of masks and other precautions.</li><li>• SF Bar Pilots are requiring crews to sanitize spaces before the pilot arrives. Pilots in the Ports of LA/LB have issued guidance similar to the pilots in San Francisco.</li><li>• On 3/25/20, CBP sent guidance to agents informing them that “all foreign crew are being detained on board.” CBP is moving almost all clearance procedures to an electronic environment, by having agents email copies of documents. CBP’s “decision to conduct boardings of arriving vessels will be conducted on a case-by-case basis based upon actionable intelligence or other necessities.”</li><li>• The USCG publicly states that they do not have restrictions beyond those listed in MSIB 02-20. Notably MSIB 02-20 reminds facility operators (in bold) “they are not permitted to impede the embarkation/ disembarkation of crew members as permitted under Seafarer’s access regulations.”</li><li>• Any vessel that enters from a port from a high-risk country or with a potential COVID illness will be subject to a COTP Order keeping all crew aboard.</li><li>• Port State Control of foreign tankers continues as before the epidemic. The CG is exercising greater discretion to protect its personnel and crews for non-tank vessel PSC boardings.</li><li>• The State of California issued a Shelter in Place Order, with broad exceptions for many sectors, including transportation.</li><li>• On ships, agents are required to meet company hygiene protocols and confirm that they have not visited a high-risk country during the prior 14 days.</li><li>• USCG is reminding all vessel operators that illness of a person onboard any vessel that may adversely affect the safety of a vessel or port facility is a hazardous condition per 33 CFR §160.216 and must be reported immediately to the USCG Captain of the Port (COTP). All cases of persons who exhibit symptoms consistent with COVID-19 must be reported to the COTP.</li></ul>
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On March 23, the California Supreme Court issued an Order suspending all jury trials for 60 days. The status of other courts (and activities not covered by the Supreme Court Order) varies from county to county. Most in-court proceeding in all federal courts for the Northern, Eastern and Central Districts have been continued until May 1. Most in-court proceeding in the Southern District have been continued until

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Delaware  
Bay

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MSIB 04-20 reminds of the following requirements:

- The master of a ship destined for the Delaware Bay Captain of the Port zone shall report to the CDC, the occurrence, on board, of any death or any ill person among passengers or crew (including those who have disembarked or have been removed) during the 15-day period preceding the date of expected arrival in accordance with 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)§ 71.21. The CDC Philadelphia Station can be reached 24 hours a day at (215) 365-6401.
- Also, under 33 CFR. § 160.216, the owner, agent, master, operator, or person in charge of a vessel is required to immediately notify the nearest Coast Guard Sector whenever there is a hazardous condition aboard the vessel.
- While the presence of a person with coronavirus like symptoms does not by itself constitute a hazardous condition, vessel operators should report suspected cases or other unusual circumstances whenever they are in doubt.
- Vessel masters should inform Coast Guard and Customs boarding teams of any ill crewmembers onboard.

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The USCG now considers any ill person onboard a vessel, regardless of where they have been or who they have interacted with, who show symptoms of COVID-19 or other flu like illness to be a hazardous condition as per 33 CFR 160.216. Accordingly, the owner, agent, master, operator, or person in charge must immediately notify the nearest Coast Guard Sector Office (Captain of the Port – COTP) or Group Office. U.S. Flag commercial vessels are advised to report ill crewmembers in accordance with the requirements of each foreign port called upon. As the Master is likely to be the first person in charge aware of an ill crewmember, we strongly recommend the Master to immediately notify the nearest USCG COTP as per above, in addition to the U.S. CDC immediate reporting requirements.

The CDC have issued [interim guidance for ships](#).

USCG MSIB 02-20 (Change 3) dated March 16, 2020, which details the above USCG reporting requirement. It also covers the latest Presidential Proclamation restrictions on persons arriving to the USA, as well as other USCG guidance and information for vessel owners and operators.

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Georgia

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- All cruise vessel calls to Georgian ports have been halted.
- Ships calling at Georgian ports shall, at least 24 hours before arrival, submit Maritime Health Declaration with annexes.
- If as ship, her crew or passengers entered countries consider High Risk within the last 21 days they will be subject to thermal screening.
- The ship Master is also responsible for observing the further health of crew and passengers while alongside, at anchorage points or waiting areas and must communicate any suspicious cases to the Harbour Master and appropriate authorities without undue delay.
- If submitted documents or screening show the existence of COVID-19 on board, all possible contacts will be restricted with the subject vessel.
- Pilots must use personal safety equipment when going onboard, including mask, single use gloves and safety glasses. All crew are requested to put on masks and PPE to prevent the spread of virus before meeting pilots embarking on the weather dock. The Bridge team must also wear masks during pilotage.

Operations continue subject to USCG guidance in MSIB 02-20.

All Notice of Arrivals must be submitted within 96 hours of the vessel's arrival whether arrival is confirmed or not. Notice of Arrivals can be updated and/or cancelled. Notice of Arrivals should be modified to add any known medical ailments on board prior to arrival, no matter what the medical ailments may be.

Upon arrival dockside, a member of the vessel medical staff should be available on the gangway to provide/update on any and/or no medical illnesses on board.

Effective 14 March, the Cruise Line International Association has announced its cruise lines will be voluntarily and temporarily suspending cruise ship operations from U.S. ports of call, including the State of Hawaii, for 30 days.

Port state control continues.

In general, agents continue to have unrestricted vessel access. Some owners have prohibited agents from boarding.

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Hawaii

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CBP will accommodate those requests, however, agents must coordinate with CBP on arranging an alternate inspection area.

It is at the discretion of CBP officers whether or not to board a vessel (most are declining).

The US District Court for the District of Hawaii has restricted/ limited entry to the courthouse. All civil and criminal trials scheduled to commence between March 17, 2020 and May 3, 2020 have been continued. All civil hearings will either be conducted telephonically or will be taken off the courts calendar. Filings will continue to be processed via the CM-ECF electronic system and by mail.

Hawaii State Courts have restricted/limited access to courthouses. All trials are re-scheduled to dates after April 30, 2020. All civil hearings have been postponed and re-scheduled unless they can be held through telephonic or video conferencing and electronically recorded.

Effective 1201h HST on 26 March, all individuals, (residents and visitors) arriving or returning to the State of Hawaii are subject to a mandatory 14-day self-quarantine.

According to MSIB XX-20, the USCG / COTP of New Orleans require:

Vessels calling within COTP sector will receive an email if the submitted 'Notice of Arrival' declares that the vessel has called to China within last five ports of call.

If any of the crew are exhibiting symptoms it must be reported as a 'hazardous condition' as defined in 33 CFR 160.216.

Failure to report the above can lead to a civil penalty of up to \$94,219.

USA – New Orleans  
Patriot Maritime Compliance, LLC.  
[Bulletin](#)

24- 21 March: The day-to-day operations of maritime and port businesses can continue as normal, despite the Mayor of New Orleans issuing a "stay at home" proclamation for Orleans Parish. This is because maritime and port businesses are considered essential.

Maritime Crew will be remanded to the vessels until further notice.

The Bar Pilots Dispatchers are asking the following one hour prior to pilot boarding: Does any crew member have symptoms of Coronavirus including a fever of 100.4 degrees or greater, cough, trouble breathing or body aches. Additionally have you complied with Captain of The Port, New Orleans, MSIB Volume XX issue:035, COVID-19 Vessel Precautions, Dated March 17, 2020?



USA – New York GAC

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Effective 0000 hours on March 17, 2020, CBP in conjunction with the United States Coast Guard have detained all foreign crew members arriving within 14 days from the following countries: Iran, China (excluding Hong Kong and Macau), United Kingdom, Ireland and European states within the Schengen Area: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland.

CBP is requiring a guard presence to deter the absconding of detained crewmembers prior to inspection by our officers on the 15th day from their last port call in the affected countries listed above. Every vessel that arrives into the Port of New York/ Newark that fits the criteria listed above will be contacted by CBP to ensure a proper security plan is in place prior to the vessel's arrival.

CBP recognizes the hardship this may place on crewmembers however, this protocol is necessary to address the health concerns in our ports... For any questions or concerns please contact a Supervisory CBP Officer, Maritime Admissibility Unit, Port of New York/Newark at 201-436-2850 or e-mail [MAU-NY-NWK@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:MAU-NY-NWK@cbp.dhs.gov)

From 1 April, USCG Houston-Galveston requires vessel to submit an NOA for arrival to the Houston-Galveston COTP zone will be required to complete and submit a COVID-19 attestation confirming:

(1) no crew/passengers have displayed COVID-19/flu-like symptoms over the past 14 days; and

(2) no crew/passengers have been to China (excluding Hong Kong, and Macau), Iran, the Schengen area, the United Kingdom, or the Republic of Ireland in the past 14 days.

Vessels will remain on the Not Cleared To Enter List until the attestation form is received and reviewed. The USCG review process will normally only occur during business hours, so it is advisable to be proactive by sending the attestation at the time of NOA submission or as soon as possible thereafter to avoid unnecessary delays.

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[USCG Screening  
Attestation Letter](#)

**Brownsville**  
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Open. No COVID-19 closures at this time. No shore leave permitted. Requests for crew changes will be considered on a case-by-case basis. CBP is currently not boarding and using local agents as intermediaries to exchange scanned copies of documents, signatures, etc. Vessel must notify Coast Guard Boarding Teams of any crew illnesses prior to embarkation; vessel must notify Coast Guard Captain of the Port of any crewmember showing symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Crewmembers can seek testing at medical facilities with testing kits. Limited quantities of testing kits at this time. Any testing would likely be conducted onboard the vessel. Brownsville had its first confirmed COVID-19 case late last week (week of March 15). Effective March 25, 2020, Cameron County, which encompasses Brownsville, is under a shelter-in-place order through April 22, 2020.

**Corpus Christi**  
Open, except for intermittent fog-related and ship channel dredging closures. No COVID-19 closures at this time. Local agents have reported that there is no shore leave for foreign crew in the Port of Corpus Christi, per CBP. Presumably, there could be exceptions for emergencies, but this will be handled on a case-by-case basis. CBP is currently minimizing boarding activities and using local agents as intermediaries to exchange scanned copies of documents, signatures, etc Vessel must notify Coast Guard Boarding Teams of any crew illnesses prior to embarkation; vessel must notify Coast Guard Captain of the Port of any crewmember showing symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Crewmembers can seek testing at medical facilities with

testing kits. Limited quantities of testing kits at this time. Any testing would likely be conducted onboard the vessel. The Port of Corpus Christi at its March 24th Commission meeting unanimously approved a three-month rollback of the current Port of Corpus Christi (PCCA) tariff rates to those in effect on December 31, 2019. The tariff rollback is effective April 1, 2020 and will remain in effect through June 30, 2020. The Corpus Christi stay-at-home order is extended through April 30, 2020.

### **Freeport**

Open, except for intermittent fog-related closures. No COVID-19 closures at this time. Shore leave no longer generally permitted. CBP is currently minimizing boarding activities and using local agents as intermediaries to exchange scanned copies of documents, signatures, etc. CBP may, on a case-by-case basis, permit shore leave for limited reasons (e.g., humanitarian, shoreside business critical to the safe operation of the vessel, legal, medical, etc.). Crew sign-offs will continue to be reviewed and granted if the crewmember has direct and continuous travel out of the United States, the crewmember is not exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, the crewmember has valid travel documents, and there is no other restriction on the crewmember's travel. Vessel must notify Coast Guard Boarding Teams of any crew illnesses prior to embarkation; vessel must notify Coast Guard Captain of the Port of any crewmember showing symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Crewmembers can seek testing at medical facilities with testing kits. Limited quantities of testing kits at this time. Any testing would likely be conducted onboard the vessel. Stay-at-home order was extended through April 30, 2020.

### **Galveston**

Currently, all terminals are open and operating with the exception of the two cruise terminals. Four of the five cruise ships that homeport in Galveston are docked at the two cruise terminals and sailing periodically with only crew members onboard while daily maintenance is being performed. No COVID-19 closures at this time. Shore leave no longer generally permitted. CBP may, on a case-by-case basis, permit shore leave for limited reasons (e.g., humanitarian, shoreside business critical to the safe operation of the vessel, legal, medical, etc.). CBP is currently minimizing boarding activities and using local agents as intermediaries to exchange scanned copies of documents, signatures, etc. Crew sign-offs will continue to be reviewed and granted if the crewmember has direct and continuous travel out of the United States, the crewmember is not exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, the crewmember has valid travel documents, and there is no other restriction on the crewmember's travel. Vessel must notify Coast Guard Boarding Teams of any crew illnesses prior to embarkation; vessel must notify Coast Guard Captain of the Port of any crewmember

showing symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Crewmembers can seek testing at medical facilities with testing kits. Limited quantities of testing kits at this time. Any testing would likely be conducted onboard the vessel. Galveston County has had 18 confirmed COVID-19 cases. Galveston County issued an Order to Stay at Home on March 23, 2020 and continues through April 30. The definition of “essential businesses” under the Order is somewhat vague, and activities relevant to the maritime transportation industry are arguably excepted from the restrictions imposed by the Order.

### **Houston**

Open, except for intermittent fog-related closures. No COVID-19 closures at this time. Shore leave no longer generally permitted. CBP may, on a case-by-case basis, permit shore leave for limited reasons (e.g., humanitarian, shoreside business critical to the safe operation of the vessel, legal, medical, etc.). CBP is currently minimizing boarding activities and using local agents as intermediaries to exchange scanned copies of documents, signatures, etc. Crew sign-offs will continue to be reviewed and granted if the crewmember has direct and continuous travel out of the United States, the crewmember is not exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, the crewmember has valid travel documents, and there is no other restriction on the crewmember’s travel. Vessel must notify Coast Guard Boarding Teams of any crew illnesses prior to embarkation; vessel must notify Coast Guard Captain of the Port of any crewmember showing symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Crewmembers can seek testing at medical facilities with testing kits. Limited quantities of testing kits at this time. Any testing would likely be conducted onboard the vessel. As of this morning, the Houston area has 199 confirmed COVID-19 cases. Harris County issued a Stay Home Work Safe Order on March 24, 2020. The Order goes into effect on March 23 and continues through April 30. Businesses servicing critical infrastructure sectors, such as the transportation systems sector, are exempted from the Order.

Via notice issued on March 13, the Houston Pilots requested the following measures be taken prior to Pilot boarding:

1. Wipe down the bridge with a disinfectant (radars, pilot chair and piloting station, door handles, etc.);
2. Only essential members allowed on the Bridge at any time;
3. Personnel on bridge must sanitize hands;
4. No handshaking;
5. Crewmembers and Pilot should avoid touching their faces; and

6. Provide hand soap and/or hand sanitizer with paper towels.

Effective April 8, 2020, Port Houston will require non-contact temperature screenings of everyone entering Barbours Cut and Bayport Container Terminals restricted areas. Six (6) access points will be made available at each terminal. All other access points will remain closed until further notice.

The National Institute of Aquatic Spaces (INEA) INEA issued Circular No. 04 (Special Notice-02 COVID-19), dated 13 March 2020 – a number of preventive measures, among them:

- Once the arrival notice is made, the Captain of the ship will be asked for the list of the last three (03) destination ports.
- A sanitary inspection upon arrival of a ship to port. This visit will be applied to all national and foreign flag ships, either in transit or engaged in cabotage.
- In the event that any member of the crew showing symptoms of the COVID-19, the ship will be directed to a quarantine area. Sanitary authorities will carry out the respective medical evaluation of the entire crew.
- The ship's crew must use the personal protective equipment provided to prevent the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), such as: rubber gloves and masks; as well as guaranteeing compliance with the corresponding hygiene measures in the ship's common areas.
- Suspension of boarding and disembarking of ship crews in all ports of the national territory.
- Instructions will be given to the Captain of the ship, so that during stay in Venezuelan waters the crews use protective masks.
- The Captain of the ship should be suggested to follow all the preventive measures that have been made public to avoid contagion, such as the use of protective masks, antiseptic gel and frequent effective washing of hands.

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The Circular No. 04 does not imply militarization nor delay in port activities.

Additionally, the INEA has suspended until further notice the “physical visit” to the ship by its personnel in order to verify the validity of the ship's documentation, what it will be now done via e-mail in coordination with ship agents.

Immigration office has announced below information which is applied from 15 March until further notice:

1. China, Hong Kong, Macau, Korean, Italian, Iran are not allowed to entry Vietnam.
2. Visa exemption of Japan, Korea, United Kingdom, French, Germany, Italy, Spain, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland are not accepted.
3. Stop issuing visa for United Kingdom & Schengen countries.
4. Visa on arrival at airport of all nationalities are not accepted. Exit visa at port are not accepted either.
5. All nationalities will apply visa at Vietnam embassy of their countries. Condition for visa application will depends on requirement of Vietnam embassy at each country.
6. The rest of nationalities who can enter Vietnam by exemption visa or valid visa, if immigration officer find out they have visited areas like UK, Schengen countries, China, Korea, they have two options:
  - OPTION 1 Continue Vietnam entry, then they are isolated for 14 days, after 14 days if they are negative of covid 19 they are allowed into entry Vietnam.
  - OPTION 2 Fly out of Vietnam.
7. Upon arrival airport, if quarantine officer finds out someone has a symptom of covid 19 they will isolate everyone on this flight, all guests on flight will have two options:
  - OPTION 1 Continue Vietnam entry, then they are isolated for 14 days, after 14 days if they are negative of covid 19 they are allowed into entry Vietnam
  - OPTION 2 Fly out of Vietnam
8. For shipping line related to crew change attending vessel, send below info for checking with immigration quarantine office
  - List of 10 last port call
  - nationality of crew technician superintendent, etc
9. If the vessel called China, Hong Kong, Macau, Korea, EU Ports, crew change cannot be arranged crews

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on board are not allowed to go on shore for all purposes.

10. For vessels that have not called the listed ports, crew change can be arranged with some conditions  
Quarantine officer at port will:

- On signer: check temperature or health condition before allowing enter port.
- Off signer: they may check temperature daily and or the date of repatriation.



For one month from 24 March, Yemen's Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of Yemen has ordered private sector institutions and companies to minimize business hours and suspend all meetings and workshops.

The port of Aden remains open and operational with the below regulations in effect:

- Ships shall be inspected at anchorage to ensure that they are free of Covid-19.
- Ship's crew shall not be permitted to disembark until they are certified free of Covid-19 by port health representatives.
- No person will be permitted to board ships at anchorage until they are inspected by port health representatives.
- Arrival of passengers from other ports is prohibited.

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Apr 8 April: The following measures have been introduced at the port of Aden:

- Lashing and unlashings of cargo is to be conducted by ship's crews, this includes container vessels and terminal staff will only be working from the quayside.
- The lowering of gangways is not permitted, the crew are not permitted to physically come into contact with terminal staff or disembark the vessel. Contact with terminal staff is to be done remotely.
- Visitors, included local agents are not permitted to board the vessel. All communications must be done remotely.
- Vessels are permitted to take on stores however this is to be conducted at anchor and after arrangements have been made with the ports health officials.