

# FONASBA COVID-19 BULLETIN



## AN UPDATE ON MEASURES BEING TAKEN TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 BY MERCHANT SHIPPING – No. 1 18.03.2020

Following the circulation of the COVID-19 measures survey, the following updates have been received from member associations as at close of business on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> April 2020. Further Bulletins will follow as we receive information from members.

European Union	The European Union has issued updated guidance on border management procedures as well as an Export Controls Implementing Act covering the export of personal protective equipment critical to the prevention and management of COVID-19. Copies of both are attached. Thanks to Belgium for passing same on.
Germany	<p>At the moment all ports are still open and working but this is limited to cargo. All passenger traffic (ferry and cruises) have been terminated. In general it is forbidden for non-EU citizens to disembark. Crew changes, also for non-EU citizens, are still possible, although they will become difficult due to flight connection being cancelled.</p> <p>If there is a suspected case on board a ship calling at a German port, the ship has to contact the port health authorities prior to the arrival. Their experts will inform you about further measures. The contact data for the port health authorities in German ports are listed on the website of the city of Hamburg. <a href="https://www.hamburg.de/bgv/akkue-hafenaerztliche-dienste/">https://www.hamburg.de/bgv/akkue-hafenaerztliche-dienste/</a></p> <p>Current and detailed information about the Corona virus in general is given on the website of the Robert Koch Institute, the central institution in Germany regarding disease control and prevention <a href="https://www.rki.de/DE/Home/homepage_node.html">https://www.rki.de/DE/Home/homepage_node.html</a></p> <p>Please check also <a href="http://www.deutsche-flagge.de">www.deutsche-flagge.de</a>, where information is available in German and English</p>
Hungary (Also: Austria, Serbia, Bulgaria, Romania)	<p>Passenger vessels are banned in Hungarian, Austrian, Serbian, Bulgarian or Romanian ports. They cannot cross borders, and cannot go alongside or change crew (unless the crew are nationals of the same country, but they must stay at home for a minimum of 14 days after off-signing).</p> <p>Entering and leaving Hungary is now only possible for Hungarian citizens.</p> <p>There is no ban on cargo shipments so far, but the master must report any illness/ fever on board.</p> <p>In Constanta (Romania) any vessel arriving from Italy is required to go into quarantine for a period of 14 days after leaving the Italian port.</p>

Kenya	Updated guidance has been issued by the Port of Mombasa, as attached. In addition the Department of Immigration has advised that until further notice, shore passes will no longer be issued at Kilindini.
Morocco	<p>The latest measures decided by the Moroccan authorities, following the latest development of the spread of CORONAVIRUS are as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All passengers vessels, ferrys and cruise lines have been suspended.</li> <li>• All international flights with foreign countries have been suspended.</li> <li>• Foreign crew aboard merchant ships are no longer allowed to disembark to the dock.</li> <li>• The transmission of the ship's documents to administrations and private port organizations must be done via the electronic port platform or via the Internet.</li> <li>• A sanitary inspector, must board first, to check if any illness or fever with ship's crew before giving free practice, and allow the ship to operate.</li> </ul>