

# FONASBA COVID-19 BULLETIN



## AN UPDATE ON MEASURES BEING TAKEN TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 BY MERCHANT SHIPPING – No. 2 19.03.2020

Further updates on COVID-19 precautions have been received from members as summarized below. As always, please contact the relevant association for more guidance.

Australia	<p>The Australian Government has introduced measures that require citizens of other countries to go into self-isolation for 14 days from arrival. Furthermore ships crews must remain on board the vessel until a minimum of 14 days have elapsed since leaving the last port. Unfortunately however, a number of port authorities have gone further, with Maritime Safety Queensland preventing any vessel from berthing if it, or any person on board, has been in any other country for the last 14 days. Southern Ports, the port authority for Albany, Bunbury and Esperance in Western Australia, has also banned ships for 14 days since leaving an overseas port, whilst the Port Authority of New South Wales has applied berthing and operational limitations on some ships arriving from certain overseas ports.</p> <p>Given the significance of international maritime trade to Australia, and the short transit times from neighbouring countries, these measures have provoked a strong response from Shipping Australia, which can be found at: <a href="https://shippingaustralia.com.au/banning-cargo-ships-during-covid-19-outbreak-poses-risk-of-severe-harm-to-australians/">https://shippingaustralia.com.au/banning-cargo-ships-during-covid-19-outbreak-poses-risk-of-severe-harm-to-australians/</a></p>
Cyprus	<p>As per the restrictive measures that had been imposed by Cyprus Ports Authority the following measures are currently applied strictly at the ports of Cyprus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Disembarkation of passengers from cruise vessels is prohibited from 15 March 2020 and for 15 days.</li><li>• Any crew change or crew disembarkation either in or out of port irrespective of type of vessel is prohibited.</li><li>• In case that vessel crew needs to conduct inspections that require its members to disembark, this is only allowed given that:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Only one member of vessel crew will disembark;</li><li>o Inspection will be short in time; and</li><li>o Corresponding agent has already notified accordingly the Operators in order to remove staff operating at the vicinity and Ports &amp; Marine Police in order its members to monitor the process until its completion.</li></ul></li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Navy vessel: Entry to port is allowed following Notam Verbatim but disembarkation of crews is prohibited.</li> <li>• UNIFIL: No restriction of members of administration members that are based at the shore facilities of the port. As for the crew members of UNIFIL vessels their disembarkation is prohibited as well as their entry to inland of the country.</li> <li>• In case of medical emergency incident regarding passenger or crew member on board vessel, either at anchorage area or in the port, shipping agents exceptionally and only due to the medical incident will be eligible to proceed to the appropriate arrangements only following consultation with Medical Services that will take over the transportation and treatment of patient.</li> <li>• No one is allowed to embark on any vessel for any reason apart of conducting activities related to cargo operations and by without having any interaction with crew members. Specifically, entities allowed to embark vessels are the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Stevedores / United Stevedoring Company's staff</li> <li>o Lashers / Un-lashers</li> <li>o Surveyors (embarkation allowed only for conducting operations monitoring activities – administrative tasks must take place remotely)</li> <li>o In these cases, embarkation is only allowed following isolation of crew at the accommodation of the vessel declared in writing to DP World Limassol by corresponding agent</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Private entities active at terminal are allowed to operate given that they fully abide to the guidelines of Ministry of Health.</li> <li>• Anyone entering port for work must abide strictly to the guidelines of the Medical Services</li> <li>• The responsibility for the strict implementation of the measures is carried by the Port &amp; Marine Police and the Immigration Service.</li> </ul> <p>The above measures are effective as from 16.03.2020.</p>
Egypt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All ports are still open and working (till now) for all vessels.</li> <li>• Sanitation of all the import cargo and containers by quarantine authorities before starting any operation.</li> <li>• Checking vessels once berthed to the Egyptian ports, if any infection found, the vessel and crew to be quarantined for 14 days without any operation, &amp; patients to be transferred to the hospital.</li> <li>• Prior to the vessel's entry to the Egyptian ports, it should provide:</li> </ul>

	<p>Crew list, Passenger list (tourism), Last 10 port of call list, Narcotics list, Maritime declaration of health, Vaccination list.</p> <p>So far, the effect on the shipping industry in Egypt is still minimal.</p>
European Union	<p>The Croatian Presidency convened a video conference of EU Transport Ministers on 18<sup>th</sup> March to discuss measures to mitigate the impact of COVID-19. The announcement that followed can be read <a href="#">here</a>. Thanks are due to Jesper Sebbelin of the Danish association for this update.</p>