

# FONASBA COVID-19 BULLETIN



## AN UPDATE ON MEASURES BEING TAKEN TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 BY MERCHANT SHIPPING – No. 3 20.03.2020

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

Brazil	<p>Ports and Terminals: crew change suspended. Crew not allowed to go ashore. Vessels can berth if free pratique granted. Free pratique is granted if Ship complying with all sanitation requirements declared in the Maritime Declaration of Health.</p> <p>Stevedores in Santos intended to stop working, but this intention removed after a meeting with Port Authorities. New meeting scheduled for today to evaluate scenario.</p> <p>If the stevedores stop in Santos, Brazil's biggest port, other ports and terminals may follow.</p>
Denmark	<p>All ports are open for vessels, and cargo movements for im- and export are not affected by the closure of the borders as from 14. March 2020 12:00 hrs.</p> <p>Crew changes are accepted and recognized for cross border travels, in and out of Denmark. Crew Changes are handled in accordance with existing regulations and Danish Shipbrokers and Port Operators recommends that one of our members are consulted to handle Crew Changes.</p> <p>Crew members right to shore visits while vessels are in ports have been suspended. Crew members, however, are permitted to enter shore areas inside the ports e.g. to conduct work in cargo operations, disposal of garbage, bunkering, receive ships supplies etc.</p> <p>Service crews travelling in for maintenance of vessels, rigs and repair yards may cross borders with a recognized purpose, but must carry a service contact or equivalent with the passport to be able to cross the borders.</p> <p>Laying up of vessels in Danish ports are accepted and we hear from the membership that it is being requested, i.e. Cruise ships because of the delay in starting up the season. Cruise ships with passengers onboard will not be accepted in Danish ports for Laying up, and travel restrictions prevent the passengers to disembark.</p> <p>Ferry crossings at Oresound (DK-Sweden), Femern Belt (DK-Germany), Frederikshavn - Gothenburg (DK-Sweden), Grenaa - Varberg (DK-Sweden) and Hirtshals - Kristiansand (DK-Norway) are in operation for cargo</p>

	<p>movements. The Copenhagen – Oslo and Frederikshavn – Oslo ferry services have been suspended because of the travelling suspension.</p> <p>Danish Customs Authority is fully operational at all border crossings land as well as sea.</p>
Finland	<p>As part of a 19-point list of emergency legislation, the Finnish Government has set in motion preparations to close the country’s borders. Passenger traffic to Finland is to be suspended as soon as possible, with the exception of returning Finnish citizens and residents. Similarly, the government said that Finnish citizens and residents should not travel abroad and said that individuals who are out of the country should return immediately.</p> <p>Freight and shipping is to continue normally during this period, according to the government. Finns and legal residents returning from abroad will face a mandatory two-week quarantine.</p>
Poland	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pilots – no changes, requirements for boarding</li> <li>2. Upon arrival/berthing a Border control &amp; Firefighting team shall come on board and check crew temperature</li> <li>3. No crew changes, Generally, crew shall remain on board</li> <li>4. Most docs to be exchanged by mail.</li> <li>5. Dockers come on board operating only on deck</li> <li>6. Bunkering &amp; supplies – available but with possible delays due to communication and new procedures</li> <li>7. No limits on cargo flow</li> <li>8. Delays in clearances are expected</li> </ol>