

FONASBA COVID-19 BULLETIN



AN UPDATE ON MEASURES BEING TAKEN TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 BY MERCHANT SHIPPING – No. 5 24.03.2020

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	Legislation in Western Australia, specifically the “Self-Quarantine Following Overseas Travel Directions”, (attached) state that any incoming crewmember must quarantine for 14 days upon arrival at the first place of entry into the state. The quarantine place can be a ship but for incoming crewmembers arriving at Perth International Airport (in most cases the only international gateway in WA) the directions require that they must spend the aforesaid 14 days in Perth before moving on to another WA port to join the vessel.
Belgium	<p>Situation in Belgium today, further to our earlier report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- No visa issued at the border anymore unless in very exceptional circumstances to be authorised on a national level (end of contract as such not being an exceptional circumstance).- No shore leave allowed for crew members during vessel’s stay at the port.- Crew changes on basis of pre-existing visa to be evaluated case by case (possibilities for return flight, possible restrictions in homeland for crew traveling in from Belgium,...).- Cruise passengers are not allowed to leave the vessel.
European Union	<p>Information on the EU’s “Green Lanes” initiative to enhance cross-border clearances for freight transport can be found here: https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_20_510</p> <p>This link also includes the formal Commission communication on the “Green Lanes” initiative as well as further COVID-19 information. Thanks to Jesper in Denmark and Sari in Finland for this information.</p>
Mexico	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The ships that come directly from China will be first approached by International Health once the ship docked at anchor at the end of the day.• Ship agencies must specify the list of the last 10 ports the vessel arrive, and the date on which the ship operated.• If any crew member has temperature before arriving at the port, the

	<p>vessel captain will be requested to log the temperature monitoring each 24 hours from the last 3 days before arrival at the port and inform to International Health.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crew may not disembark and crew changes are not permitted. All ships must be anchored and International Health authority get on board to make the Free Practique. • During the Free Practique they must use mouth covers and gloves, avoid shaking hands, don't consume any food or drinks and wash hands.
Worldwide Infographic	<p>Courtesy of Portugal and their member Wilhelmsens, we have been give permission to share a link to the company's detailed global summary of current restrictions: https://www.wilhelmsen.com/ships-agency/campaigns/coronavirus/coronavirus-map</p>