

FONASBA COVID-19 BULLETIN



AN UPDATE ON MEASURES BEING TAKEN TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 BY MERCHANT SHIPPING – No. 6 25.03.2020

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

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| Angola | <p>By Presidential Decree for a period of 15 days, to be extended for similar periods if deemed necessary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• all international flights (both private & commercial) of passengers have been suspended• cruise ships are no longer allowed to berth at any Angolan port and• all land borders have been closed for persons. <p>These measures do not apply to international cargo flights that are still allowed to land, cargo vessels are still allowed to berth, and trucks with goods are still allowed to cross borders.</p> <p>Cargo vessels are pre-inspected by the officers of the health department prior receiving authorization to berth. Crew is not allowed to disembark unless in case of medical emergency.</p> <p>Due to the suspension of all international flights, courier operators such DHL, UPS, FEDEX are no longer able to operate so no original documentation for imports and exports can be received nor sent. We are looking into ways with local authorities to find ways to overcome this obstacle. Meanwhile all shipping lines are promoting Telex Release for those shipments that are not purchased through Letter of Credit.</p> <p>Further update: A state of emergency has been declared in Angola today (25th March) so additional restrictions are likely to be put in place. A further update will be issued as soon as more information is available.</p> |
| European Union | <p>The European Maritime Safety Authority has established a central point of reference for information on restrictions and preventative measures put in place by EU and EFTA countries. It can be found at:</p> <p>http://emsa.europa.eu/news-a-press-centre/covid19.html</p> |
| Germany | <p>1. Port of Hamburg:</p> <p>The Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg supports the port industry in the current difficult situation by deferring charges. Ocean carriers, inland shipping companies and port skippers for example are able to request a moratorium for port dues payments for the months of April, May and June.</p> |

This deferral can also be granted until December 31, 2020.

In the case of berth occupancy charges, particularly environmentally friendly vessels are to be relieved to a considerable extent. The decisive factor here, is the so-called tier-level of the ship, an international emission classification.

From March 17 to June 30, 2020 the following extended rebates are applicable to all ocean-going vessels for their laytime:

- 100% rebate for vessels that have continuously obtained shore power from renewable energy in the port
- 90% rebate for tier-3 vessels and/or vessels that have obtained shore power,
- 50% rebate for tier-2 vessels
- 20% rebate for tier-1 vessels.

2. No EU export stop for medical ship equipment

Medical equipment for sea-going ships does not come under the export stop of the EU which has recently been enacted because of the Corona pandemic.

This has now been clarified by the EU Commission.

<https://www.deutsche-flagge.de/en/news/latest-news/no-eu-export-stop-for-medical-ship-equipment>

3. All ports are still open

All German ports are still open and will remain open. Operations, in general, are not terminated but crew will not be allowed to go ashore, but there is an exemption for German citizen. Crew changes for possible, but confirmed flight tickets are required, overnight stays are not possible.

4 Kiel Canal

Open, transit as usual.