

# FONASBA COVID-19 BULLETIN



## AN UPDATE ON MEASURES BEING TAKEN TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 BY MERCHANT SHIPPING – No. 26 11.05.2020

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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| <b>Israel</b>   | <p>An easing of restrictions began in Israel on 5<sup>th</sup> May.</p> <p>Ports and maritime operations are continuing to work as normal, albeit that cruise vessels are still forbidden to enter Israeli ports. Crew changes can now be carried out subject to relevant social distancing precautions and the use of PPE.</p>  |
| <b>Portugal</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• At present, all Portuguese ports or terminals are operating. To date, no vessel making a commercial call has been refused to enter or berth in Portugal.</li><li>• For commercial calls, vessels are allowed to enter and berth in order to perform commercial ops (load/discharge) with no delays or minor delays on account of terminals/vessels contingency plans.</li><li>• Health Maritime Declaration must be sent prior vessel's arrival, at least with 24 hrs in advance and with new Health Maritime Declaration sent on arrival day.</li><li>• Pilotage, towage services and linesmen are working normally, although with some individual contingency plans.</li><li>• Crew shore leave is suspended.</li><li>• <b>Crew changes – see further information below</b></li><li>• In some ports, some terminals do not allow visitors, crew change nor provisions &amp; supplies from the shore side. In these situations, a launch is the only alternative to serve the vessels needs from the sea side.</li><li>• Contact between Officers and Crew with terminal staff, surveyors and agents are kept to a minimum possible.</li><li>• Additional PPE (such as masks, goggles and gloves) will be compulsory in some ports / terminals.</li></ul> <p><b>CREW CHANGE INFORMATION FOR VESSELS CALLING PORTUGUESE PORTS UNDER COMMERCIAL CALLS</b></p> <p>Crew changes or disembarkation for repatriation purposes may be authorized, on a case by case basis, subject to approval and opinion of Health Maritime Authority by Immigration Office and Local Port Captaincy. In such cases, kindly note following procedures in place to evaluate and properly approve the crew change or disembarkation for repatriation purposes:</p> |

- Authorization must be granted by the Health Authority which requires following information before giving their opinion/decision to Immigration, Harbour Master and Port Customs concerning possibility to make crew change at any Portuguese Port.
- In order to evaluate the risk for departing/arriving crew, a signed and stamped Health Maritime Declaration must be provided one or two days prior vessel's arrival, as well as identification of crewmembers to dis/embark. The declaration, signed and stamped by a doctor on board (or in doctor's absence, by the Master) should state the nonexistence of symptoms and signs for the COVID-19 on board. In addition individual COVID-19 declarations should be provided for each crew member.

Also, please bear in mind that additional questions may be asked by Regional Health Authority in order to get further information to assist in their dispatch. Those questions may include:

#### Off-Signers

- List of disembarking crewmembers with their nationalities.
- Will they be repatriated?
- Details of flights for repatriation?
- How NON-EU Nationals will fly home? If EU residents, please send copy of permit. If not, please send flight bookings
- Airport destination of each disembarked crewmember
- Will all off-signers disembark at same time ?
- Will all off-signers depart from Portugal on same flight?

#### On-Signers

- List of embarking crewmembers with nationalities must be disclosed.
- Details of the origin airport of each crewmember ?
- Have on-signing crew been under quarantine? Any evidence to support it?
- Will all on-signers arrived at Portugal on same flight?
- Will all on-signers will embark at same time?

Documents to be presented to request approval for crew change or disembarkations

- On-Signers Crew list with personal data + nationality
- Off-Signers Crew list with personal data + nationality
- Maritime Health Declaration (when requesting +2 days prior arrival of vessel in port + on day of arrival
- Vessel declaration from doctor on board (in doctor's absence, declaration from Master) stating the nonexistence of symptoms or signs of COVID-19
- Each crewmember required to embark or disembark must fill-in an individual COVID-19 declaration.
- ISPS List with last 10 ports of call with arriving dates and sailing dates.

Those organising crew transfers should note that due to social distancing rules, transfer capacity will be significantly reduced.