

FONASBA COVID-19 BULLETIN



AN UPDATE ON MEASURES BEING TAKEN TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 BY MERCHANT SHIPPING – No. 56 10.08.2020

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

Egypt	<p>With immediate effect, any arrivals into Egypt by land, sea or air from outside the country will be required to provide evidence of a negative PCR test undertaken with 72 hours of arriving at the first port of entry to Egypt. Ministerial Decree 1567 states:</p> <p><i>(Article one)</i> It is forbidden for all arrivals to the Arab Republic of Egypt, whether by land, sea or air, to enter without the PCR test results detecting the presence of corona virus (with a negative result) 72 hours before arriving Egypt.</p> <p><i>(Article Two)</i> Tourists and foreigners coming with direct airlines to Sharm El-Sheikh, Taba, Hurghada, Marsa Alam, Matruh airports are excluded from this decision provided that all means of transportation prohibit transporting these tourists, whether by land, sea, or air to any of the rest governorates without having the PCR test result to detect the emerging corona virus (with a negative result) by 72 hours before the movement,</p> <p><i>This is within the measures of the control of resuming inbound coastal tourism to coastal governorates.</i></p> <p><i>(Article Three)</i> Penalties and measures stipulated in the relevant laws and regulations in this regard are to be executed to any company or establishment that violates the precautionary controls stated in the above 2 articles, as well as the controls announced by the Ministry of Tourism prepared in coordination with the Ministry of Civil Aviation, the Ministry of Health and Population, the Egyptian Federation of Tourist Chambers, and approved by the Council of Ministers.</p> <p><i>(Article Fourth)</i> This decision to be published in the Official Gazette, and shall be enforced from the next day of its publication until a further notice is issued, procedures are subject to a follow-up to assess the situation.</p> <p>Our colleagues at the Alexandria Chamber of Shipping have confirmed that they have applied for an exemption to the PCR test for bona fide incoming seafarers but warn that most airlines operating into Egypt are requiring evidence of the test before passengers are allowed to board at the airport of departure.</p>
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