

FONASBA COVID-19 BULLETIN



AN UPDATE ON BEST PRACTICE MEASURES TO SUPPORT SHIPPING DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC - No. 1 08.04.2020

Information on how FONASBA member associations are being proactive in supporting the merchant shipping sector during the COVID-19 pandemic is summarized below. As always, please contact the relevant association for more guidance.

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| Italy | <p>The Italian Government has issued several decrees in last month, one also mentioning the right for Italian flag ships to berth in Italian Ports. On 7th April, FEDERAGENTI and its President Gian Enzo Duci issued a Press release to remember the validity of such Decree, supporting a previous Press Release by Admiral Giovanni Pettorino, Head of the Italian harbourmasters' administration (Capitanerie di Porto), in respect of the action by several Italian port cities which are trying to refuse Italian flag cruise ships permission to berth and disembark their last remaining passengers and crew. Italian ship agents support the Capitanerie di Porto and will keep supporting Italian shipping to have a guaranteed right to berth in home ports.</p> <p>Italian ship agents are also working to support their principals to find solutions and costs mitigation for cargoes being discharged but which cannot be collected by receivers due to imposed closures of many mills and commercial activities. This is a problem we believe is also happening in other countries, so it would be interesting to know this issue is being treated elsewhere.</p> |
| Morocco | <p>In Morocco APRAM has been working closely with the government authorities to ensure the transit of goods in Moroccan ports as well for import and the export in the best conditions.</p> <p>APRAM also took action with the port administrations to assist in exchanging all documents, authorisations and certifications required as well as facilitating the payments necessary to avoid delays to operations and cargo. We are also discussion with all parties in order to introduce measures to ensure the orderly operation of the ports and other functions once conditions return to normal.</p> |