FONASBA COVID-19 BULLETIN



AN UPDATE ON MEASURES BEING TAKEN TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 BY MERCHANT SHIPPING – No. 36 02.06.2020

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

Denmark	Private travel is now allowed from Iceland, Norway and Germany for holidays under specific conditions.
	Crew changes can still be handled in all Danish ports and offshore for vessels sailing through Danish waters, in addition to the above ease of private travel restrictions.
Israel	Maritime affairs and land transportation are all working normally, under basic restrictions including the use of PPE and observation of social distancing.
	Total imports and exports are roughly as before the COVID-19 period, albeit with growing concerns toward the next months. Commodities like grain and metals are prospering while vehicles are sharply declining. Container traffic remains the same as last year, with very few voyage cancellations.
Morocco	Morocco remains in lockdown until June 10, at which time a gradual easing of restrictions is planned.
	Moroccan ports remain open and operational, but crew changes and shore leave are still prohibited. Appropriate protective measures, use of PPE, disinfection of surfaces etc., are still being applied. International travel remains suspended.
	Several measures have however already been taken to alleviate it as follows:
	Industries and businesses resumed work on May 25, while respecting distancing, hygienic restrictions and wearing masks
	Authorization can now be granted for travel between Moroccan cities for professional or essential reasons.
	• Restaurants and cafes have been able to open for take away service and home delivery since May 25.
	An app. has been introduced for electronic tracking cases of COVID 19
	Further deconfinement measures will be announced by the Moroccan authorities at the end of this week, an update will follow.
South Africa	South Africa moved to a level 3 status in the lock down programme from 1st June 2020 and with it came adjustments and new regulations which is a big step in the right direction to opening and assisting to get the economy back on track.

The ports are slowly returning to normal working with more and more staff returning to boost productivity levels. Daily COVID – 19 testing is taking place in all SA ports both for staff and service providers entering the ports. The worst hit port seemingly is Cape Town in the Western Cape.

Airports are now operating, albeit for limited periods and with travel restricted to business flights with no stop over permitted at this stage.