

FONASBA COVID-19 BULLETIN



AN UPDATE ON MEASURES BEING TAKEN TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 BY MERCHANT SHIPPING – No. 40 17.06.2020

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

Portugal	<p>Please find hereunder summary of present containment measures in force in Portugal, foreseen to be in force until 30 June 2020. These measures are to be considered temporary, being evaluated and adapted whenever necessary complying with the proportional principle in every scientific and technical evaluation phases thought this outbreak.</p> <p>Having said that, please be guided that containment measures will remain as follows, changes are underline for your easier reference:</p> <p>1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All flights, commercial or private, from and to Italy and Spain are suspended, with exception of diplomatic and armed forces, mail and cargoes, as well as humanitarian or medical until June 30th.• Road, railroad and river transportation suspended on Portuguese borders between Portugal and Spain to remain under constricted control until June 30th.• all airspace within EU and Schengen areas remain closed to international flights to EU + Schengen area or departing from, with some minor exceptions.• Berthing of recreational crafts and yachts is now permitted.• All shore-leaves permits are suspended to all crewmembers within Portuguese ports.• 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.• Crew changes: Please see point 3 below• Passenger vessels are still not authorized to disembark any guests/crewmembers/staff. Licenses to go ashore also will not be granted. Exception is made to Portuguese Citizens living in Portugal wishing to debark at our ports.• Passenger Cruise vessels still may call Portuguese ports and to carry out supplies, provisions, fresh water and other supplies, as well as to perform bunkering operations.• Cruise vessels may be in Lay-up at Portuguese ports, while awaiting repairs in dry-dock if authorized by Port Authorities.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cruise vessels may not disembark passengers, crewmembers or staff. However, in exceptional cases, namely Humanitarian, health reasons or immediate repatriation, disembarkations may be performed if authorized by Health Authority and with direct disembark from vessel to international airport area. • All persons arriving to Portugal by sea; air or ground borders may be subject to quarantine for 14 days on Hotel. This containment measure may be subject to some adjustments by Regional Health Authorities. <p>2)</p> <p>**FOR VESSELS CALLING PORTUGUESE PORTS (EXCEPT PASSENGERS CRUISE SHIPS)**</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For commercial calls, vessels can enter and berth in order to perform commercial ops (load/discharge) with no delays or minor delays on account of terminals/vessels contingency plans. • 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. • Pilotage, towage services and linesmen are working normally, with some contingency plans of their owns. • Crew Shore leave is suspended. • Generally, Crew changes are not allowed. However, same may be required and are subjected to opinion and advice of local Health Authorities which will review it on a case by case manner. • Crew changes: Please see point 3 below. • In some ports, some terminals (on account of its contingency plans) do not allow visitors, crew change nor provisions & supplies by shore side. In these situations launch boat is the only alternative to serve vessels needs by sea side. • Contact between Officers and Crew with terminal staff, surveyors and agents are kept to a minimum possible. • Additional PPE (such as Masks, Goggles and Gloves will be compulsory to use in some ports / terminals. • At present moment no ports/terminals are closed or restricted • No vessel has been refused to enter or berth in Portugal, when calling under commercial call. <p>3) **INFORMATION RELATED TO CREW CHANGES**</p> <p>FOR VESSEL'S CALLING PORTUGUESE PORTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crew changes or disembarks with 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 this respect, kindly note following information concerning procedures notified by Health Maritime Authority to evaluate and may properly approve the crew
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	<p>change or disembarkation for repatriation purposes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crew changes must be authorised by the Health Authority which requires following information before given their opinion/decision to Immigration, Harbour Master and Port Customs concerning possibility to make crew change at any Portuguese Port. • Hereunder please note procedures to take in consideration to allow possibility of getting approval from Health Authority. • To undertake a risk evaluation for the disembarking crew, a Maritime Health Declaration (signed and stamped), must be provided one or two days prior vessel's arrival, as well as identification of crewmembers to dis/embark. Vessel declaration, signed and stamped, from doctor on board (in doctor's absence, declaration from Master) stating the nonexistence of symptoms and signs for the COVID-19, in addition please send Individually COVID-19 declaration duly signed (attached). • Also, please bear in mind that following questions may be placed by Regional Health Authority and may be of essence to get such information to be reported to Health Maritime Authority in order to obtain their dispatch. <p>Off-Signers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of disembarking crewmembers with nationalities must be disclosed. • Will they be repatriated ? • May you inform flights available 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? <p>On-Signers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of embarking crewmembers with nationalities must be disclosed. • What's 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? <p>IN SOME PORTS COVID TESTS MAY BE REQUIRED TO BE PRESENTED OR TO BE PERFORMED IF NOT HOLDING NEGATIVE TESTS WITHIN LATEST 72 HRS, PRIOR AUTHORIZE EMBARK/DEBARK.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documents to be presented to request approval for crew change or disembarkations • On-Signers Crew list with personal data + nationality
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South Africa	<p>Not a great deal to report on COVID 19 in South Africa. The ports continue to function amidst constant COVID 19 testing and regulations applying but are not yet to maximum capacity .The worst hit being Cape Town in the Western Cape with a number of vessels at the anchorage followed by Ncqura in the Eastern Cape.</p> <p>Airports are operating for domestic /business flights with strict regulations applying at the airport and no stopover permitted.</p> <p>Otherwise, restrictions on daily life are being eased, with the curfew having been lifted.</p>