

# FONASBA COVID-19 BULLETIN



## AN UPDATE ON MEASURES BEING TAKEN TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 BY MERCHANT SHIPPING – No. 42 22.06.2020

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

<b>Albania</b>	All land, air and sea borders will be fully opened with effect from 1 <sup>st</sup> July for business, tourist or other types of travel. Crew changes can also be undertaken without delay.
<b>Denmark</b>	<p>Travel restrictions have been further lifted and with effect from 27<sup>th</sup> June 2020, due to which the authorities are publishing a list of EU countries where travel to and from is permitted. Though the authorities do not provide warranty against sudden regional travel limitations within the permitted countries due to Covid-19. The list will be published 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and is expected to include all EU except Portugal and Sweden, and to include the UK.</p> <p>Danish Shipbrokers and Port Operators has during Covid-19 had ongoing dialogue with the National Police and Ministry of Integration and Foreigners (responsible for Borders and Schengen) to secure smooth and ongoing transition of crew changes. During Covid-19, shore leave for seafarers has been suspended, but due to our solution orientated dialogue with the authorities, we expect this suspension may be removed by the authorities in the near future.</p> <p>We may also have a successful initiative in the pipeline since the National Police, due to our proposal, have requested the Ministry of Integration and Foreigners permission to issue emergency visas to seafarers with terminated visas in their passports. In case we succeed, Denmark is a comprehensive Hub for crew changes and among our +110 members there are expertise to handle crew changes in Danish ports as well as off-shore, and we have global flight connections from several airports in Denmark.</p>
<b>Egypt</b>	<p>The Egyptian Civil Aviation Ministry has announced that international flights to and from Egyptian airports can resume from 1<sup>st</sup> July and therefore that crew changes can resume from the same date. On signing crew will be required to have taken a PCR test prior to leaving their home country and on presentation of same on arrival will be met and directly taken to their vessel. For off-signing crew, they will be required to undergo a medical prior to departure. Flight tickets must also be sent to the agent no later than 48 hours prior to planned departure. If the pre-departure medical is passed, the off-signer will be taken to the airport, where a final temperature check will be carried out and if normal, the off-signer will be allowed to depart.</p>
<b>Mexico</b>	AMANAC is proud to announce, that as a result of a formal request from our side to the port and merchant marine authorities/Communications and

	<p>Transportation Ministry, a discount on port and berth dues has been granted to all merchant ships calling at main Mexican ports. AMANAC based its request on the efforts that all shipping companies are making to keep the maritime transport depending supply chains, working smoothly during the Coronavirus pandemic, even considering the negative effect that most shipping companies are experiencing due to the present reduction in international trade and besides all the inconveniences encountered in different ports due to the necessary sanitary controls.</p> <p>Authorities granted discounts between 5% and 7% on all port and berth dues for a three months period. The discounts will be granted individually to each shipping agency upon formal request to the local port administrations. Most local ports administrations have already established the corresponding procedures.</p> <p>AMANAC, grouping the vast majority of the Mexican shipping agents, has been actively working remotely during this pandemic period, supplying uninterruptedly all its services to the Mexican shipping and ports sector.</p>
<b>Morocco</b>	<p>On 15<sup>th</sup> June APRAM wrote to the Minister of Equipment, Transport, Logistics and Water, calling for energetic action to find an urgent solution to boarding and disembarking of seafarers in the Moroccan ports.</p> <p>This letter was circulated to all port authorities and public and private organizations in the shipping sector.</p> <p>By the work and the pressure which was exercised by our Association, we are happy to announce that the Administration of the Moroccan Merchant Marine on instruction of the ministry established a circular note dated 20<sup>th</sup> June, authorizing the embarkation and the disembarkation of the sailors in Moroccan ports.</p> <p>Our Association is happy to have been able to help unblock the situation of seafarers.</p>