

FONASBA COVID-19 BULLETIN



AN UPDATE ON MEASURES BEING TAKEN TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 BY MERCHANT SHIPPING – No. 45 02.07.2020

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

Germany	The German Shipbrokers' Association, ZVDS and the "Kiel Canal Initiative" are pleased to announce that due to their efforts to increase shipping volumes in the COVID-19 recovery phase, Kiel Canal Dues will in the next few days be suspended until the end of 2020. The exact date the measure becomes effective will be published in the official Federal Gazette. The action will result in a saving in total Kiel Canal transit dues of between 20 and 25%.
Portugal	<p>In the latest guidance issued by the Portuguese Government, certain prohibitions on vessel operations will continue until 15th July, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cruise vessels cannot disembark passengers, crew members or staff except for humanitarian or health reasons or for immediate repatriation. In these cases prior agreement must be obtained from the appropriate health authority.• Shore leave also remains prohibited.• Cruise vessels may bunker and take on supplies, fresh water and provisions. <p>Otherwise, air and land borders are now open with flights allowed to Schengen countries as well as the UK, Canada, Argentina, South Korea, Morocco, Tunisia and China, always subject to reciprocal arrangements being in place.</p> <p>Port State Control inspections are also restarting in all Portuguese ports, providing the vessel meets certain conditions.</p> <p>All other containment precautions listed in previous Updates remain in place until further notice.</p>