

# FONASBA COVID-19 BULLETIN



## AN UPDATE ON MEASURES BEING TAKEN TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 BY MERCHANT SHIPPING – No. 76 07.12.2020

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>Brazil</b>	<p>Please note that only a crew member whose country of domicile has acceded to ILO Convention 185, and is holding a valid Seafarer's Identity Document will be granted authorization to enter the country. They understand that Seaman's Book is another type of document for the purpose of registering working contract and other information. Seafarers Identification Document (<a href="https://www.ilo.org/global/standards/maritime-labour-convention/text/WCMS_162321/lang-en/index.htm">https://www.ilo.org/global/standards/maritime-labour-convention/text/WCMS_162321/lang-en/index.htm</a>)</p> <p>More detailed info can be obtained in this Link: <a href="https://www.ilo.org/dyn/normlex/en/f?p=NORMLEXPUB:12100:0::NO::P12100_ILO_CODE:C185">https://www.ilo.org/dyn/normlex/en/f?p=NORMLEXPUB:12100:0::NO::P12100_ILO_CODE:C185</a></p> <p>Those countries having adopted ILO Convention 185 can be found using this link: <a href="https://www.ilo.org/dyn/normlex/en/f?p=1000:11300:0::NO:11300:P11300_INSTRUMENT_ID:312330">https://www.ilo.org/dyn/normlex/en/f?p=1000:11300:0::NO:11300:P11300_INSTRUMENT_ID:312330</a></p> <p>Please also note that Brazilian Immigration Authorities at international airports (Santos-Sao Paulo (GRU), Rio de Janeiro (GIG), or other) can deny authorization for signing on and/or off seaman not holding a valid SID. Some crew members have secured entry without a valid SID but this is an exception, not the rule. We therefore strongly recommend that travelling seafarers must hold a valid SID, issued by a signatory country to ILO 185, issued in accordance to ICAO standards to avoid any unpleasant surprise.</p> <p>Fine can be imposed (value not disclosed) even if crew on board, in case not holding valid SID, do not go ashore because Brazilian Territory Waters are also considered National Territory.</p>
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