

FONASBA COVID-19 BULLETIN



AN UPDATE ON MEASURES BEING TAKEN TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 BY MERCHANT SHIPPING – No. 52 23.07.2020

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

Australia	Shipping Australia has this week provided a comprehensive brief to the Federal Government on the crew change crisis which, as reported previously, is exacerbated by the differences between Federal and State regulations. That SAL was able to produce a comprehensive and detailed report in a very short timeframe is due in part to the support provided by FONASBA members. A summary of the actions undertaken by SAL to inform the Federal Government can be found here: https://shippingaustralia.com.au/shipping-australia-briefs-australian-federal-government-on-seafarer-crew-change-crisis , with the contribution from FONASBA members being gratefully acknowledged therein.
Germany	The suspension of Kiel Canal Dues initially reported in Bulletin no. 45 of 2 nd July is effective from today, 23 rd July, and will last until 31 st December 2020 at the earliest.
Russia	<p>The restrictions on crew change in the Russian Federation have been reviewed and lifted by the Health authority so that crew change becomes possible for seafarers who are non-residents of RF.</p> <p>The current rules for on-signers and off-signers as follow:</p> <p>On-signer:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">medical certificate with negative result of COVID-19 to be presented on arrival/ border check-in. The certificate should read that the test was done by PCR method and not earlier than 3 days before arrival.If no certificate on arrival then the test has to be done (PCR method) with help of agent within 3 days after arrival.unavailability of med. certificate at the country of departure might result in rejection for boarding. It's up to decision of airline company and to be clarified while booking the tickets. <p>Off-signer:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Test by PCR method has to be done and its negative results to be presented to Health Control to get approval for going to airport for boarding. <p>As a side note on vessel port stay: Shore leave remains prohibited.</p>