

Circular From NORTH

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Coronavirus Outbreak - Impact on Shipping (Update) - 1

In response to the 2019-nCoV novel coronavirus outbreak, a number of countries, ports and organisations are publishing details of the measures being put in place.

The below is a brief summary of information we have received so far that has the potential to impact ship operations.

Last updated: 23 March 2020

Country	Informing party	Date	Summary of advice
Algeria	Neffous Shipping & Consulting (P&I)	27-Feb	The port of Annaba notified all local agents that following the sanitary services advise, all vessels who called Italian ports will be put on quarantine on road till the release into free pratique is obtained.
Argentina	Pandi Liquidadores S.R.L Marine Risk & Insurance Solutions	23-Mar	Summary of the recent Sanitary regulations applicable to all ships coming from abroad: Following documentation are additional to usual pre arrival requirements and must be sent prior vessels arrival holding yellow flag, otherwise Free pratique will not be granted. • Copy of Medical Log book • Register of body temperature to all crew and passengers if any. • Crew change movements as from 01/12/2019. • MHSD (Medical Health Ship Declaration) • Individual Health Declaration form & questionnaires form

In case any crewmember or passengers present any sickness symptoms, free pratique will not be granted and vessel must comply the quarantine.

In addition, Migration authorities has cancelled all temporary and working VISA for all citizens coming from affected area, i.e. China,

Japan, South Korea, Iran, Europe, USA, Brazil and Chile (these two countries just recently added....)

It has been advised by National Government that Foreign Citizens (Non-residents) will not be allowed to enter our country for the next 15 days, so far.

Notwithstanding the above, they have made the following exceptions always provided that said individuals don't show any signs of the virus and comply with further recommendation/instructions from National Sanitary authorities:

- people affected to the transportation of goods/commodities through Air, ground and Sea.
- crewmembers
- people related to flight operations and sanitary transfers

As a consequence, Vessels coming from ports abroad would be authorized to proceed alongside as long as they comply with special Sanitary requirements in force, such as crew health declaration, daily body temperature reports, details of crew changes that took place since Dec 1st 2019, copy of Medical logbook, Maritime health declaration and special questionnaire for detecting potential COVID-19 cases.

Situation is being normalized at every port Area of Bahia Blanca, Necochea and Up River ports which were affected yesterday with some delays on berthing/ops. So far no delays registered due to Sanitary regulations

13 March: as per new resolution issued by the Argentinian government, all transit, working & temporary visa applications from the following countries have been cancelled until further notice due to the outbreak of the COVID '19:

- People Republic of China
- Republic of Korea (South Korea)
- Islamic Republic of Iran
- Japan
- United States of America
- United Kingdom
- EU countries

The Argentinian Consulates located on those countries will not issue

any working/transit and, specially, crew visas.

Australia	Aus Ship P&I	04-Feb	The Australian Government are implementing enhanced risk assessments on all international vessels calling into Australia:
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- Mandatory pre arrival reporting of human health on board must be undertaken at least 12 hours prior to the vessels arrival into Australian territorial waters. (The Master must update authorities should the human health status on board the vessel change at any time whilst the vessel is in Australian waters.)
- If at any time a human health risk is reported, a biosecurity officer will conduct assessments on a case by case basis, and work with national and local health departments to manage risk to the ill persons and other crew, seaport personnel, border staff and health professionals.
- Most, if not all Australian Port Authorities are expected to implement the following additional regulations for all vessels intending to berth – Masters of all ships due to arrive in Australian Ports are required to declare their last 5 ports of call and confirm that they have no crew members showing symptoms of Novel coronavirus on-board.
- Where Novel coronavirus is evident or suspected, seaport personnel and shore staff will not be required to board the vessel.
- The Port Authority will delay pilotage services to vessels that have transited directly from China, but which have been at sea for less than the 14 day quarantine (self-isolation) period.

It is reported that NSW has decided to apply the 14 day elapsed time period retrospectively and as from yesterday will not embark a pilot on a ship arriving from China that has not spent 14 days at sea.

The Biosecurity Department is also requesting ships agents clarify the following information, should their vessels have recently called into a port in mainland China:

- The Date the vessel departed China
- Ports called into between departing China and arriving in Australia
- Declarations as to whether any sick personnel are on board
- Declaration of the previous 5 ports of call

Further to the above, vessels may expect heightened bio-security/quarantine measures being implemented; including:

- Australian Biosecurity Department personnel attending the vessel wearing full body protection /HAZMAT style gear
- Stevedores wearing masks and other protective gear, and being instructed to keep distance and avoid contact with crew where possible
- Ships agents may carry out procedures from the wharf instead of boarding the affected vessels, so as to minimise potential contamination risk
- Seafarers aboard affected vessels may be barred from leaving the vessel.

Bangladesh	JF (Bangladesh) Limited Interport Group	17-Mar	Correspondents have provided an English translated copy of the circular dated 30.01.2020 issued by Chittagong Port Authority that states: In order to prevent the Coronavirus in the country, all the Shipping Agents will have to provide information stating that “Ship’s Master and his Crew members are free from Coronavirus” at the time of giving declaration of arrival of the vessel. The Radio Control will confirm this with the Master on arrival of the vessel at outer anchorage and then will record the same in the “Fresh Arrival Book”. There is no restriction so far announced for Chinese Flag vessels or Chinese crew members on board other than the requirement of declaration for vessels arriving at Chittagong Masters of all vessels to declare that the onboard crew are free from Coronavirus before calling at Mongla Port From 16 March until 31 March, passengers originating from Europe (except UK) are not allowed to enter Bangladesh.
Belgium	GAC	12-Mar	Antwerp: All incoming ships must present a Maritime Declaration of Health (MDH), which the master must submit 24 hours before entering the port, stating whether there are any actual or suspected cases of illness on board together with a list of the last ten ports. The ship is checked for this by Saniport. If there are any suspicions, the ship may be obliged to remain off the coast and a doctor may go on board. The ship will not get a pilot and will not be permitted to enter port.
Brazil	Brazmar	11-Mar	Brazmar have kindly provided a translation of the National Sanitary Authority (ANVISA) technical note No

4/2020/SEI/GIMTV/GGPAF/DIRE5/ANVISA:

“Specific guidelines for ports and vessels:

- First, it should be noted that a vessel journey between China and Brazil takes much longer than 14 days, the incubation period required in this case. The average time for a vessel to travel between China and Brazil is 45 days. Thus, based on the risk assessment carried out so far, the following stands out:
- With the intensification of surveillance to detect possible suspected cases of 2019-nCoV and response, it is essential that the Maritime Health Declaration is filled out correctly and in a complete form for evaluation regarding the issue of Free Pratique. It is worth mentioning that requests for Free Pratique must occur between 48 or 72 hours in advance, which allows for a prior assessment by Anvisa, before the authorisation for berthing (Free Pratique issuance).
- Any change in the health status of the crew or passengers must be reported immediately to the Health Authority.
- In the case of a 2019-nCoV suspect on the vessel, the Free Pratique will be issued on board, with the triggering of the local Contingency Plan and the removal of the designated crew member to hospital will be considered if necessary.
- According to the epidemiological bulletin (Vol. 51, no 04) of the Ministry of Health, suspected cases should be isolated and use surgical masks.
- Any other crew member who comes into contact with the suspected case must wear PPE (surgical mask; eye shield or face shield; gloves; cloak / apron).”

Law firm SMA have provided advice on what to expect from Brazilian authorities should infection be suspected on board.

ANVISA Technical Note N° 8/2020/SEI/GIMTV/GGPAF/DIRE5/ANVISA provides sanitary measures to be adopted. The vessel with a history of voyage to China in the last 30 days must present the Medical Logbook when requesting the issuance of a Free Pratique Certificate.

ANVISA issued the ‘[technical note no. 16](#)’ whereby those countries with domestic cases (local transmission) of infection of coronavirus must provide a copy of the medical logbook when applying for the Free Pratique Certificate.

Proinde have a dedicated webpage for latest news:

<https://proinde.com.br/news/coronavirus-preventive-health-measures-in-brazilian-ports-and-airports/>

Cameroon	Ivory P&I	13-Feb	A notice has been issued by the Port of Douala that advises of following measures to be taken: • Vessels from “countries at risk” must wait at base buoy for a minimum of 14 days before being allowed to proceed into the channel. • After 14 days, port health service will board vessel at base buoy to consider clearance. • Upon berthing, the port health service will be the first to board. Other administrations and services must wait for free pratique before boarding. • Deliveries to the vessel at base buoy is prohibited. • Crew changes must be carried out under full supervision of port health service.
Chile	Cave & Co	18-Feb	The only preventive measures regard the protection of personnel at the country’s immigration points.
China	Huatai Insurance Agency and Consultant Service Ltd	03-Feb	Huatai summarises the protection and control measures implemented by the port Authorities of each major Chinese port: Health declarations 1. Health declaration before berthing: – Tianjin and Xiamen Health Declaration Form is required before vessel’s berthing. – Dalian the Customs officers will attend on board the vessel and take temperature of each crew. 2. Vessels with crew from Wuhan or Hubei Province on board would be monitored especially. – Putian and Quanzhou of Fujian Province: may not be allowed to take berth. – Ningbo the vessel probably has to be isolated for 14 days before taking berth. 3. Substitution of crew is limited. – Shanghai, Xiamen, Ningbo, Tianjin, Dalian forbidden by the port Authorities. – Qingdao and Guangzhou forbidden in principle, unless under some special circumstances.

4. Crew disembarkation is strictly restricted by all ports
5. During berth in the port, the crew should take preventive measures.
 - Dalian, Xiamen, Guangzhou: The crew must wear a facial mask when they have contact with others in the port.
 - Tianjin: The crew must wear a facial mask and temperature test should be taken every day. When any crew has fever, the Customs should be informed immediately.

Port congestion / port operation

1. The loading/discharging operation slow down due to lack of stevedores
2. The land transportation of cargo into the port or from the port is insufficient since trucks without local license are restricted to enter into the port area.
3. As vessels are restricted to call at Wuhan port, transshipment of cargo by inland river feeder vessels in and out the ports in the Yangtze River is affected.

Ports affected:

- Shanghai, Tianjin, Huanghua, Lianyungang, Jingtang and Caofeidian

Ports not affected:

- We learned that Zhangjiagang Port and the ports nearby in Yangtze River were not congested due to heavy fog from time to time in the past week instead of the outbreak of coronavirus.

Supply of Provisions

Generally speaking, supply of provisions to foreign vessels is not restricted.

- Tianjin: Demand of Supply of Provisions be declared 24 hours in advance.
- Qingdao and ports nearby: Has limit to some of the provisions. Please check with local agents.
- Dalian: The provisions should be quarantined by Customs as usual.

Ship Repair

Due to lack of workers, the schedule of ship repair might be affected.

- Zhoushan as the local Government restricted the entrance of vehicles with license of other places and people from other places, the efficiency of the shipyards in Zhoushan decreased substantially.

Cargo Preparing

Some exported cargo could not be delivered to the loading ports in time due to transportation restriction in and out of Hubei Province. It is reported that China Council for the Promotion of International Trade would offer force majeure certificates to local companies, if they are unable to fulfil their international contractual obligations due to the coronavirus outbreak.

Huatai experiences of recent issues and cases (as of 13 Feb 2020) can be read by using link on the left. It includes two cases from Xiamen and Shanghai office that suggest that crew on board with cough or fever will cause several hours delay of discharging operation until the crew were excluded from NCP infection by medical examination. Also a case where a vessel was delayed 10 days due to an engineer from Hubei Province on board

We suggest Members whose vessels are scheduled to call at Chinese ports in the near future, to keep close contact with their local agent so as to get the latest port information, and to remind their crewmembers to take necessary protection measures.

Guidance was issued by the MSA of the People's Republic of China on March 2, 2020: Operational Guidance for Ships and Seafarers for prevention and Control of COVID- 19 Epidemic. It is with reference to the WHO and IMO Guidance on the prevention and control of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic on ships, and based on the practical experience of shipping companies on the prevention and control of the epidemic. The Guidance aims to provide advice for the prevention and control of COVID-19 epidemic on ships and guidance for the personal protection of crew.

Colombia	SAPIC	31-Jan	Measure taken by the Colombian Maritime Authority – inspections to the merchant ships will entail an exhaustive verification by the port health authority (first authority to board the ship) on the health condition of the seafarers that have recently been in Asian ports.
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Cyprus	Kalimbassieri s Maritime	18-Mar	Latest directive was issued by the Ministry of Health today and comes into effect as from tomorrow, 14th March which provides as follows: Category 1: Mandatory quarantine, under medical supervision, at their home (if available) or at a place designated by the Ministry of Health for 14 days after departure from any of the below countries irrespective of any apparent symptoms: • Hubei Province of China • Italy • Iran • Republic of Korea. Category 2: Self-isolation and telephone surveillance at their home or place designated by the Ministry of Health (avoiding close contact and travel, observing basic hygiene rules, monitoring and reporting symptoms at hotline 1420) for 14 days after departure from the following countries: • China (excluding Hubei Province) • Japan • Hong Kong • Germany • France • Spain • Greece (Territory of Achaia, Ilias and Zakynthos) • United Kingdom • Switzerland Category 3: Self-monitoring (with instructions for adhering to basic hygiene rules and restricting travel to the most necessary) and in the event of symptoms to call hotline at 1420, for 14 days after leaving the following countries: • Greece (excluding Achaia, Iliia and Zakynthos) • Netherlands • Sweden • Belgium • Singapore The Directive provides that all passengers in categories 1 and 2 will be directed to the doctor's airport office whereas at ports self-isolation will be limited to cabins.
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	EMCO Group		

Given the above any passengers / crew arriving from Italy will not be disembarked unless the 14 day period has passed, irrespective of any sign of symptoms. No directive or law has been issued by the Authorities with respect to “detaining” a vessel. Although a vessel may be cleared in (given that no physical contact is required to clear her in) the crew / passengers arriving from countries in categories 1 and 2 will not be permitted to disembark unless the measures contained in the directive are complied with. Once the 14 days have passed then the crew / passengers can be disembarked.

Please also note that agents have also been requested to provide a questionnaire to crew and passengers for completion prior to entry and submission the Authorities.

All borders with the Turkish occupied territory of Cyprus have closed until further notice.

As of 16 March 2020 (18:00 hours) until 30 April 2020, entry into Cyprus will only be permitted to citizens – regardless of nationality – who fall into the following categories provided that they hold a medical certificate confirming that they are free of the virus (issued within 4 days prior to the date of travel). Such certificate may only be obtained from designated centres in each country. Furthermore, upon arrival to Cyprus such persons will be quarantined for a period of 14 days in government quarantine facilities. It should be noted however, that practical difficulties in many countries are inhibiting the issuing of the required medical certificates thereby making travelling to Cyprus almost impossible.

- Cypriot citizens.
- Legal residents in the Republic of Cyprus.
- European nationals or third-country nationals working in the Republic.
- Nationals of countries who are in a designated diplomatic service or mission under bilateral or international conventions.
- Individual cases of European nationals or third-country nationals for unavoidable professional obligations, provided that the relevant authorization has been obtained from the competent Ministry.
- European or third country citizens attending educational institutions in the Republic of Cyprus.

Courts are permitting entry to their premises for urgent matters only

and most hearings have been postponed.

All surveyors and agents have been advised by the Cyprus Ports Authority that they are not permitted to go onboard vessels if they can carry out their work electronically (e.g. dealing with forms). Those who must attend onboard (e.g. for loading/discharge operations, taking samples etc) must do so only once the Master confirms in writing to the relevant port authority that the crew will be isolated and kept away from those going onboard.

No crew changes are permitted (embarkation / disembarkation) within the territorial waters of the Republic of Cyprus.

After 03:00 hours on 21 March 2020, Cyprus will come under a “flights shut down” mode for 14 days, although empty flights shall continue so that persons wishing to leave Cyprus may depart.

Denmark	DUPI Copenhagen	16-Mar	a detailed description about the consequences of closing the borders for all foreigner, not having a valid documented reason for entry into the Kingdom of Denmark until April 13 th , the Danish Police have published a QA, it can be found here .
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It is important to note, that the logistical supply chain is still open with no trading restrictions. As such, as far as that is concerned, it is business as normal.

Dominican Republic	E&M International Consulting	17-Mar	The National Epidemiological Monitoring System (SINAVE) must be notified of any person presenting symptoms of the virus. Notification to the National Liaison Center for International Health Regulations (CNE-DIGEPI) could be performed by telephone, any day of the week, from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at 1-(809) 686-9140 or toll free at 1-(809) 200-4091, from 8:00 pm to 8:00 am, also via mobile phone (829)-542-7009.
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17 March:

1. Cruise ships are not being allowed to dock in Dominican ports for the period of 30 days as of today 16th March 2020.
2. All flights inbound and outbound are suspended between the Dominican Republic and Europe, China, South Korea and Iran for the period of 30 days as of 16 March 2020.

3. A quarantine requirement is being imposed for visitors who have been in any of the above listed countries during the previous two weeks.
4. Health screenings have been placed at airports and all arriving passengers must complete a travel history form.
5. Ship cargo operations are being carried out normally at all ports for now. We strongly recommend that all crew must stay on board.

France	Budd Group	13-Feb	On 27 January, ship agents received a memorandum from the Port of Marseille-Fos confirming that the sea links between Wuhan and Dourges have been suspended. Contact the French medical emergency services (SAMU – call “15”) and tell them of any journey to Wuhan (or China).
	France P&I		

To reduce the risk transmission, people with novel coronavirus-type symptoms are requested not to go to a hospital or general practitioner.

Coronavirus situation in French ports:

- Dunkirk: no specific measure has been implemented by the Port Authorities to date nor has any specific information been issued to the attention of local Agents
- Le Havre: A “sanitary watch” has been ordered by the Harbour Master’s office, consisting in the obligation for Masters of vessels calling in port to notify immediately their Agent and fill in a “Déclaration Maritime de Santé” (DMS – health maritime declaration form) in case of any signs of pathology amongst the crew.
- Rouen: A “sanitary watch” has been ordered by the Harbour Master’s office, consisting in the obligation for Masters of vessels calling in port to notify immediately their Agent and fill in a “Déclaration Maritime de Santé” (DMS – health maritime declaration form) in case of any signs of pathology amongst the crew.
- Brest: No specific measure implemented in Brest to date. The Harbor Master has only asked Agents to pay specific attention to vessel with Asian crewmembers onboard or regarding crew changes with transits via Hong Kong or Singapore
- Lorient: Agents have been asked to have all vessels calling fill in a questionnaire drafted by the local Port Authorities detailing crew movements for the past 14 days and enquiring about possible

symptoms related to the illness (copy enclosed) + to hand out to all incoming vessels the “TRAVELLERS’ ADVICE” flyers issued by the French Ministry of Health.

- Nantes/St Nazaire/Donges/Montoire: Agents have been asked to display and hand out to all incoming vessels the “TRAVELLERS’ ADVICE” flyers issued by the French Ministry of Health.
- La Rochelle/La Pallice: Agents have been asked to notify the Harbor Master’s office of any incoming vessel with Chinese crew onboard or having called in a Chinese port over the last 15 days, in which case these vessels are compelled to fill in a DMS before they can get clearance to berth.
- Bordeaux/Ambes/Blaye/Bassens: Agents have been asked to display and hand out to all incoming vessels the “TRAVELLERS’ ADVICE” flyers issued by the French Ministry of Health.
- Bayonne: Agents have been asked to display and hand out to all incoming vessels the “TRAVELLERS’ ADVICE” flyers issued by the French Ministry of Health.
- Sète: Agents have been asked to display and hand out to all incoming vessels the “TRAVELLERS’ ADVICE” flyers issued by the French Ministry of Health + to notify the Harbor Master’s office of any incoming vessel with Chinese crew onboard
- Port-Vendres: no specific measure has been implemented by the Port Authorities to date nor has any specific information been issued to the attention of local Agents
- Marseille/Fos/Lavera: Agents have been asked to display and hand out to all incoming vessels the “TRAVELLERS’ ADVICE” flyers issued by the French Ministry of Health.

Gabon

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24-Feb

- Any vessel wishing to call at the Ports of Gabon, must send to the Harbor Master’s office of the port of call, three (03) days before its arrival:
 - The list of the ten (10) last ports called
 - The list of crews changed and the visas of the last ten countries called by these crews.
- Any vessel coming from or having called at least one of the ports of the countries in the grip of the epidemic, whose duration of departure from these ports until arrival at the Ports of Libreville is between fifteen (15) and twenty eight (28) days, the procedure for accessing the Ports of Libreville is as follows:
 - Give the information on the on-board health certificate;
 - Give the list of crews, copies of passports and up-to-date seaman’s books.

- If the ship calls in a country plagued by an epidemic in the 14 days preceding its arrival at the Ports of Libreville:
Fourteen (14) day quarantine of the vessel;
 - Morning and evening temperature control by medical and / or paramedical staff;
 - During this entire emergency period, gloves, FFP2 masks and the application of hydro-alcoholic solutions will be required for health workers and all other stakeholders of the port platform who may be in contact with so-called suspect vessels;
 - The medical and / or paramedical staff followed by the Inspectors of the National Institute of Public Hygiene and Sanitation, will board the ships before berthing at the same time as the pilots, all with adequate PPE;
 - Access to these ships is prohibited for any person before the advice and disembarkation of medical and / or paramedical staff and that of INHPA,
 - No crew member is allowed to alight from the ship until further notice,
 - No crew change is authorized until further notice in the Ports of Libreville
- As health is everyone's business, the administrations and operators working in the Ports of Libreville are each responsible, as far as it is concerned, for applying the provisions of this note. Any breach of these provisions exposes the offender (s) to the sanctions provided for this purpose.
- LIST OF COUNTRIES OR CASES OF CORONAVIRUS HAVE BEEN DETECTED
Apart of the Republic of CHINA, the following countries are considered at risk.
JAPAN, THAILAND, SINGAPORE, SOUTH KOREA, HONG KONG, AUSTRALIA, GERMANY, TAIWAN, USA, MACAO, VIETNAM, FRANCE, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, CANADA, PHILIPPINES, RUSSIA, ITALY, INDIA, ENGLAND, SRI LANKA, CAMBODIA, NEPAL, FINLAND, SPAIN, SWEDEN, MALAYSIA, AUSTRALIA, BELGIUM

Gibraltar	A. Mateos & Sons	31-Jan	• Gibraltar Port Authority requires that the CORONAVIRUS DECLARATION FOR-000156 be completed by every vessel that will call Gibraltar at either the Western Anchorage, East anchorage, North Anchorage, any alongside berth, Quick turnarounds, medical disembarkations, OPLA and OPLB.
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- The form is to be filled in, signed and stamped. No exemptions will be given. Agents are to stress to the captain to fill in this form carefully and to answer all questions.
- Please note that the following special conditions will apply to vessels who have answered yes to any of the questions in the declaration:
 - Remote pilotage requirements will be applied to the vessel.
 - No crew members will be allowed to disembark the vessel during its call at Gibraltar.
 - With respect to ongoing operations shore personnel embarking / attending the vessel will not be allowed then to disembark.
 - Shore personnel are to minimise all interaction with the crew as much as practically possible.
- The GPA reserves the right to further scrutinise any incoming vessel if it deems necessary in the interest of public health.
- Agents will receive via email from the Vessel Traffic Service Supervisor (VTSS) a special condition clause. This clause is to be forwarded to the master and to service boat operators.
- Service boat operators are to limit contact with crew members from the vessels that have been issued the “special condition cause”
- If any vessel declares that crew members are suffering from any sickness in relation to this protocol/declaration, the vessel will be refused clearance at first instance and will be referred to other agencies on a case by case basis

Greece	Kalimbassier is Maritime	18-Mar	For vessels coming from countries where the virus is in a wide outbreak, all port personnel who visit on board and/or liaise with the vessel’s crew must wear simple protective face masks and maintain a minimum distance of more than 1 meter from any other person. Same measures apply to all visitors, either seafarers, surveyors, technical or vessel representatives included.
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For all vessels docked in Piraeus Port Authority/ Piraeus Container Terminal premises regardless of the country of origin, for crew disembarkation/return, a private car provided by the vessel agent will be used for the crew transportation. Pick up and drop off point is the ship’s ladder and the crew will in no way mingle with the port employees. Same measure applies for the transportation of all visitors who wish to enter the port facility. It should be clarified that any private bus, mini bus or taxi arranged by the agent for this purpose, should be accompanied to/from the vessel by a private car provided by

the agent.

The port personnel is recommended to minimize contact with the vessels' crew and communications with the vessels are carried out by email to the extent possible.

Compulsory use of face masks and protective gloves is followed by stevedores who go on board to carry out their tasks

There are private companies engaged in disinfection, however when a vessel is believed to have been possibly affected by the disease, the State Hygiene Authorities will initiate action and decide for the measures to be taken

18 March: still no official measure in force in respect of a compulsory quarantine for cargo vessels calling in Greece. As from 15th March and until at least 15th April, there is a temporary suspension of Greece-Italy and Greece-Albania sea connections applicable to all passenger vessels and private yachts but this measure does not apply to any sea-going cargo vessels. In addition, cruise ship calls and disembarkation of passengers to any Greek port are temporarily restricted as a precaution in the context of limiting the spread of the COVID-19 virus to the public.

Haiti	E&M International Consulting	17-Mar	1. As of midnight, Monday March 16, 20 the government has implemented flight restrictions and closure of the border with the Dominican Republic. All flights to and from Haiti and destinations in the Dominican Republic, Canada, Latin America and Europe will be suspended for two weeks. Flights between Haiti and the United States will continue. 2. The Government of Haiti stated that all travelers from the U.S. must have a document showing that they have tested negative for coronavirus before boarding. The Government of Haiti did not specify what proof passengers should present and has not yet provided instructions to airlines. 3. The Government of Haiti will continue to conduct health screenings for arriving passengers. 4. The Minister of Interior announced that the border with the Dominican Republic will be closed to passenger traffic, but goods crossing the border will still be permitted if personnel transporting the goods are screened at the border. 5. CPS Terminal at Port au Prince is implementing the IMO's guidance. The Port Authority has not issued yet any memorandum
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regarding the other terminals.

6. Ship cargo operations are being carried out normally at all ports for now. We strongly recommend that all crew must stay on board.

Hong Kong (China)	Hong Kong Shipowners Association	10-Feb	The Government has imposed a 14-day compulsory quarantine on all the people entering Hong Kong from the Chinese Mainland irrespective of their nationalities.
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Links to the Government press releases on the exemption arrangements and specific measures of the relevant Regulation are appended below

- Exemption arrangement under Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong Regulation
 - [English version](#)
 - [Chinese version](#)
- Gazettal of the Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong Regulation and Prevention and Control of Disease (Disclosure of Information) Regulation
 - [English version](#)
 - [Chinese version](#)

India	P & I Services Pvt.Ltd	10-Mar	The Ministry of Shipping, India has issued a notice/memo that foreigners who have visited China on or after 15 Jan 20 will not be allowed to enter India from any Air, Land or Sea port.
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Agents have been advising calling vessels to Paradip that:

1. Crew changes are not allowed
2. Shore leave will not be granted for crew of vessels that have called at China, South Asian countries and Australia.
3. If vessel has Chinese crew that joined after 25 Dec 2019, the vessel must remain at anchorage for examination
4. If suspected case of COVID-a9 on board then the vessel must remain at anchorage for examination
5. Crew shore leave will not be granted to those vessels having to be first inspected at anchorage.

While all the ports on both the East and West coast of India continue to remain fully functional for the time being, there is a growing trend of the Authorities restraining vessels at anchorage for a period of up to 14 days (incubation period) after arrival and/or restricting landing of passengers and crew and/or restricting shore leave for personnel if the

passengers and/ or the crew onboard arrive or originate from some affected countries.

Port Circular PHO/JNP/481-482 of 9 March 2020 by JNPT port (Mumbai) addresses specific entry restrictions – quarantining of all inward vessels for a period of 14 days. The period of 14 days commences from the date of departure from the last international port.

Iraq	Gulf Agency Company (Kuwait) Ltd Mutual Marine Services Al Mushtaraka Ltd	17-Mar	Ministry of Communications General company of Ports for Iraq have informed all agents that Masters of vessels that have called at a Chinese port within the last 30 days before arriving in Iraq are requested to provide a statement 3 days before arriving in Iraqi territorial waters that crew onboard do not have any symptoms of corona virus (high temperature, sore throat, coughing or breathing difficulties). If any such symptoms are noted, the Master should inform port authority prior to arrival and await further instructions.
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17 March: The Iraqi government has imposed curfew in all cities of Iraq starting from 11 PM Tuesday 17th of March until 11 PM 23rd of March except for medical staff. As of now the impact on port operations is unknown

Israel	Wilhelmsen Ship Agency	07-Mar	Vessels that have visited in China's ports in last 15 days before arriving to Israel cannot enter Israel Each vessel must sent report to Ministry of Health of Israel before her arrival to Israeli port, stating that all crew and passengers are healthy and that the vessel didn't visit China in the last 15 days. The report must be approved by the Ministry of Health before her arrival to Israel. Without the approval, vessel cannot enter Israel. Foreign travelers who visited in China in the last 15 days is not allowed to enter Israel. Foreign travelers who have the symptoms of the virus (fever, cough or shortness of breath) is not allowed to enter Israel, regardless how many days passed.
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HAIFA PORT

Vessels that arrive at the port and do NOT have people coming from countries for which the Ministry of Health has issued an alert (as of 2-Mar-2020) China, Hong Kong, Thailand, Singapore, Macau, South Korea, Japan, Italy, France, Germany, Switzerland, Spain, Austria – the

ship can enter the port. If on the vessel there are people that in the past 14 days, or the vessel has been in a port in the past 14 days, in one of the countries listed above, the vessel shall enter the port with the following restrictions: – Avoiding contact with the crew as much as possible. – The crew will be refused to enter the country, e.g. a complete prohibition on disembarking. – All workers (port and not-port workers) who board the vessel must have personal protective equipment which includes: Mouth/nose mask according to Ministry of Health spec. Gloves according to Ministry of Health spec. It is hereby emphasized that the foregoing relates to vessels which have received approval from the Ministry of Health’s declaration prior to entering the port.

Italy	Samer & Co. Shipping	13-Mar	PRESS RELEASE: WEDNESDAY, 11 March 2020 Italian Ports Association:
	Samer & Co. Shipping		Italian ports are fully operational and ensure safety of persons and goods. In full respect of the measures adopted by the Government with the primary objective of protecting public health as a result of the medical emergency, the Italian Ports Association (Assoporti) wishes to clarify that all Italian ports are fully operational with suitable measures to guarantee maximum safety of port operations and goods. Italian ports are fully operational with regular service to the national community and all their offices, including those devoted to controls, guaranteeing regularity of the sea activities.
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			The measures adopted by the Government in no way restrict the movement of goods in the country.
			The precautionary obligation of the “Free Sanitary Practice” issued by the Local Office of Maritime Health remains in force, which authorizes ships to berth, and the Italian ports are ready to adopt any new measures that were to be issued by the Office of Civil Defense (so-called: Protezione Civile).
			Italy’s prime minister published a decree on 9 March “laying down urgent measures to contain and manage the epidemiological emergency brought on by COVID-19” and extending the emergency measures introduced by the previous day’s decree to all of Italy. The measures will be in force until 3 April, subject to any further measures being introduced. In brief, people must avoid travelling anywhere in the country. The head of Italy’s Civil Protection Service advise that the

travel restrictions: (a) do not apply to the transport and transit of goods or to the entire supply chain to and from the affected areas; and (b) do not prevent individuals from travelling for work- or health-related reasons, or for other needs.

Local sources confirm there are no limitations for vessels entering the ports of Ravenna Trieste and Monfalcone

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