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## Coronavirus, COVID-19

*The following information was received from our correspondent **TCI Africa/ELTVEDT & O'SULLIVAN** on 22 April:*

### QUOTE

We collected some information [**enclosed**] from our local correspondents TCI AFRICA in the various African ports, which we enclose herewith. You will note that the situation is more or less the same in the African ports : ports and vessels are operating, while airports are closed for commercial flights, only for cargo flights are operating, which unfortunately make the repatriation of crewmembers / crew change impossible in these ports. This information is subject to change depending on the Covid-19 outbreak evolution.

We trust that these information will be of assistance to you and Members.

We at Eltvedt & O'Sullivan and our correspondents TCI AFRICA remain at your / Members' disposal for any assistance. Our staff is reachable on our usual mobile phone numbers and emails addresses, and also on our 24/7 emergency line +33 6 25 73 08 08 / mail@eltvedtosullivan.com.

### UNQUOTE

*The following information was received from our correspondent **ETIC SAS Marseille AFRICA P&I Services** on 22 April (Ivory Coast and Liberia updated on 24 April):*

### QUOTE

Please find below the latest situation reported by some of our local offices.

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## KENYA

Systematic testing for the coronavirus started 19/04/2020 in the Port of Mombasa for the employees of the Kenya Ports Authority (KPA).

The General Manager of Operations and the Harbour Master coordinated the exercise and were among the first 50 KPA staff to undergo the COVID-19 test.

Officials advised that they are targeting at least 1000 tests at the Port in the first phase.

157 staff in the Medical Services Department have been tested and so far the results have proved negative.

KPA's commitment is to combating the spread of the virus through a whole range of measures to guarantee the safety of staff and port users.

In the last few days, the Port has implemented several of these measures including fumigation of key equipment, operations areas, offices, and workshops. Sanitization and hand washing at the gates and entrance to buildings has been maintained.

The Health Service are also checking temperatures of all those entering the Port to detect any suspected COVID-19 patients. On the sea side strict measures have been implemented in conjunction with the Port Health Services to ensure that all necessary protocols are observed by ships scheduled to call at the Port of Mombasa.

To date no crew of any ship calling at the Port is said to have tested positive and officials trust that this will allay the local population's fears that COVID-19 is being transmitted by cargo ships.

**Vessels are required to declare their crew health status and the last ten ports of call. Those which have called in countries infected by coronavirus are subjected to rigorous inspection and crew are not allowed to get off the vessel.**

The KPA MD also observed that sensitization of KPA employees and the Port community is ongoing through internal communications channels and the local FM radio stations.

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### **Bagging of bulk cargo:**

KPA have issued a circular note on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April 2020 informing that vessels arriving in Mombasa with bulk cargo will be discharged directly on trucks without prior bagging.

Usually the bagging operations take place at quay all along the discharging operations and trucks loaded with bagged cargo then leave the port area.



As from the 24<sup>th</sup> of April 2020, the bagging operations are prohibited within the port area because of the Covid 19 situation in order to limit the spread of the virus.

Receivers of cargo are required to seek alternative facilities outside the port for bagging services until further KPA's notice. *Please see attached circular.*

### **SENEGAL**

The situation is said to be under control in Dakar:

Hygiene measures/social distancing have been recommended and a general curfew is still in force from 20h00 to 06h00.

The government has imposed the compulsory wearing of masks as from 20/04/2020 until further notice.

All these measures are applied in the port and vessels continue to operate as usual.

### **SIERRA LEONE**

The only additional measure is curfew from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

### **TOGO**

Social distancing has been recommended and the government has imposed the compulsory wearing of masks as from 15/03/2020 until further notice.

Although certain public institutions (schools etc) and places of worship are closed, public administration offices and private companies (**including AFRICA P&I Togo**) work from 0900 to 1600 Hrs (as from 02.04.2020).

Land borders and airport are closed.

**The Port Authorities work from 0900 Hrs to 1600 Hrs** applying all recommended hygiene measures.

General curfew as from 06/04/2020 from 1900 Hrs to 0600 Hrs.

### **MAURETANIA**

A ban on inter-city travel was lifted on 20/04/2020.

### **CAMEROUN**

Air, land and sea borders are closed to all passengers except cargo planes and ships.



Douala port is open for the moment. The port health services perform Covid-19 test on all vessel crewmembers arrived at Douala port before giving green light for berthing.

Until the government decides on general confinement, our local office is still open and our team can also work at home.

### **GHANA**

The lock-down imposed on Accra and Tema has been partially and temporarily lifted (20/04/2020).

The borders (airport, seaports and land borders) remain closed for the next two weeks but vessels can enter/leave the port.

### **LIBERIA**

Update on 24/04/20

State of Emergency has been declared by the Government of Liberia for 21-days as from 1/04/20 i.e. up to 30/04/20 in the county of Montserrado (which includes the city and port of Monrovia).

Most of the public administration and commercial entities are closed except essential public and private bodies. Individuals have been requested to stay at home and are simply allowed to go out to buy food.

Anyone appearing in public streets and buildings must wear a protective device that covers at least the nose and mouth.

[Mr Naji EID from AFRICA PANDI LIBERIA is however still available to provide necessary survey and P and I services to shipowners' vessel's calling at Monrovia and their insurers.](#)

#### **APM terminal/Monrovia: The anti COVID measures imposed should have a limited impact on vessel's commercial operations in the port of Monrovia:**

The APM terminal is closely monitoring and reacting to the situation in Liberia in order to minimize any possible impact on cargo operations.

Vessel's agents are requested to book pilot online 24hrs prior to vessel's arrival at anchorage and 2 calendar day before sailing/shifting.

Stevedores staff are slightly reduced for an increase of the safety measures but with limited impact on the operations.



The terminal entrance is closely monitored:

- Gate hours from Monday to Friday: 09:00 to 19:00 (The last truck will gate in at 18:00)
- Gate hours from Saturday: 09:00 to 17:00 (the last truck will gate in at 16:00)

Storage remain the same with increased safety measures in place but have no effect on the operations

## TUNISIA

### Measures taken:

- General lock down started on 22.03.2020 and had been extended up to 03.05.2020.
- Curfew from 18h00 to 06h00 applied since 22.03.2020.

### Port activity:

Each call is preceded by the visit of a sanitary team on board to take some preventive action such as taking the temperature of the crew members.

A period of quarantine must have been complied with before authorizing the vessel to berth.

Via a statement dated 01.04.2020 the Port authority (OMMP) reminds all operators in all Tunisian ports that commercial and handling operations should take place in the usual way, around the clock with morning, afternoon and evening shifts. Stevedoring companies are duly invited to comply with these recommendations and the commercial operators are requested to speed up taking delivery in order to avoid port congestion.

Trucks are authorized to travel to/from the commercial ports even during the curfew period.

Hereafter a free translation of statement issued by the port of Bizerte:

*As part of the preventive action being taken against the spread of COVID-19, the management of the terminal advises all users on the following measures to be applied for their safety:*

#### **Duty of the sea carriers and Masters of the vessels:**

- *To disinfect the bridge and all common circulation areas including the gangway before the boarding of the sanitary staff and the pilots.*
- *To disinfect a cabin specifically used for the exchange of the documents between the crew and all attendees.*

- *To favour the electronic exchange of the documents.*

#### **Duty of the stevedoring companies:**

- *To supply all their staff with the necessary prevention equipment.*
- *To disinfect the areas attended by their staff.*
- *To avoid boarding the vessel if there is no specific purpose.*
- *Drivers are to not leave their trucks whilst inside the port area.*

Although not every port has officially issued a similar statement such action is required from all operators.



## **IVORY COAST**

### **Update on 24/04/20**

The IVORY COAST government declared the state of health emergency up to 30th April 2020. A curfew has been imposed in Abidjan as from 21:00 hrs PM to 05:00 hrs AM every day. Schools are closed up to 17th May 2020.

Abidjan is isolated from the other towns of the country:

- all borders are closed for all passengers;
- gathering of more 50 people are prohibited;
- teleworking is advised;
- Offices and public bodies are operational from 07h00 AM to 15h00 PM;
- Banks are authorized to work and are open from 07h00 AM to 15h00 PM.

The following individual measures were imposed to the population:

- Compulsory wearing of masks;
- Maintaining a distance of at least 1 meter between persons.
- Washing hands regularly.

### **Anti COVID measures in the port of Abidjan:**

- Vessels should inform local authorities re. the last 10 ports of call of the vessel 1 week before berthing (and 48 hours before berthing for San Pedro).
- A quarantine zone has been defined for infected vessels.
- All vessels should have infrared thermometers on board. One crew member should check temperature of anyone boarding the vessel and checking for correct implementation of individual anti COVID measures. The results of these measures should be handed to the Port Health Services and to the Port State Control. No access to the vessel will be authorised for people refusing to be checked.
- No more shore-pass are granted to crew members except for emergency situations.

## **ANGOLA**

The lock down has been tightened up. However, all ports in Angola are still working and vessels are entering the ports without any restrictions except for passenger ships. Cargo operations are being conducted without any restrictions and stevedores, agents, surveyors and other port workers are being allowed to go to work without any problem.

The only exception is that inter-city travel is forbidden.

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## **GABON**

Inter-city travel is forbidden (Port-Gentil / Libreville).

## **D.R. CONGO**

Matadi and other RDC ports (Democratic Republic of Congo) are applying standard health precautions for those entering and working in the port. The wearing of masks is obligatory and personnel are required to wash their hands on entering the port and to maintain the recommended barrier distance between individuals. All the RDC ports are open and operational. Whereas in the capital Kinshasa the population is subject to confinement, this is not the case in the main port city of Matadi, which nevertheless is subject to the regulations of a state of emergency. Circulation within the city is subject to having a valid reason and/or purpose.

RDC would appear to be basically following the types of preventive action as applied in France and the possible lifting of any restrictions in the near future is as yet unclear.

We would recommend that crews remain on board throughout calls in Matadi and that crewmembers restrict to a minimum any contact they have with local personnel visiting the vessel. Given the regulations concerning masks, any shore personnel not applying the regulations should be invited to comply or leave the vessel.

This being Matadi however, any such incident should be handled with extreme caution and diplomacy and a Master confronted with a problem should refer in the first instance to his agent for assistance.

We shall continue to keep you up to date on Port commercial activity.

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**UPDATE 22/04/2020**

Hereunder you will find information obtained from our local correspondents TCI AFRICA located in the various African ports (*per alphabetical country order*) –these information are subject to change depending on the evolution of the Covid-19 outbreak. You will note that the situation is more or less the same in all these ports, with vessels working in the ports while airports are closed for commercial flights and only open for freight.

## **CAMEROUN – Douala and Kribi**

### **Lockdown / curfew**

There is not official lockdown in our country but the business is too slow. Due to the rapid spread of the pandemic, there is some sort of voluntary curfew.

### **Port activity**

Port is working as usual. There vessels are immediately allow to berth when they arrive. However, when there is a suspect case on board, the vessel is quarantined for 14 days. The quarantine is not depended on the last port of all but on the suspected case.

### **Airport**

Airports are not closed but the commercial/international flight are stopped whereas cargo flights are authorized.



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## CONGO (Republic of) – Pointe Noire

### Lockdown / curfew

Citizens are still lockdown until 30.04.2020, no traffic road except having a special authorization; Beyond the lockdown (6am to 7 pm) there is a curfew from 8 pm to 5 am;

### Port activity

Vessels are operating.

### Airport

Commercial flights are stopped; Cargo flights still working;

## GAMBIA – Banjul port

### Lockdown / curfew

No lockdown or curfew.

### Port activity

The port is working normally without restriction. Vessels are allowed to berth depending on the schedule and berths' availability. There are no quarantine measures but berthing authorization is subject to the prior visit of the Health Service at anchorage.

### Airport

Airport is closed and commercial flights stopped. However, cargo flights are authorized.



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## GHANA – Takoradi and Tema

### Lockdown / curfew

The total lockdown is lifted since 21/04/2020. Partial lockdown now, citizens should stay at home but are authorized to go out for some necessary commitments. With this partial lockdown situation, they can now go to port without asking for special authorisation.

### Port activity

None of Ghanaian ports are closed. Tema port was working even during the time of total lockdown and surveyor or correspondents could work only with this special covid19 permission. Now with the partial lockdown situation, no need to request the special authorization. The vessels are berthing as usual if the berth is available. We should nevertheless mention that vessels coming from endemic area (Europe, China, USA,...) are not allowed to berth, as well as for cruise vessels.

### Airport

Ghana borders are still closed. Commercial flights are not allowed to land, only cargo flights can do.

## GUINEE – Conakry

### Lockdown / curfew

No lock down but there is a curfew from 21:00 to 05:00.

### Port activity

Port working from 08:00 to 17:00 LT. Port health officials are inspecting vessels at anchorage before berthing. So far NO vessel was put on quarantine.

### Airport

Airport is closed for all commercial flights. Planes with medical items and / or for humanitarian reasons are allowed to land



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## GUINEE BISSAU – Bissau

### **Lockdown / curfew**

No lockdown but offices and businesses are only allowed to open from 07.30 Lt to 12.00 Lt.

### **Port activity**

The port is working normally without restriction. Vessels are allowed to berth depending on the schedule and berths' availability. There are no quarantine measures but berthing authorization is subject to the prior visit of the Health Service at anchorage.

### **Airport**

Airport closed and commercial flights are stopped. However, cargo flights are authorized.

## IVORY COAST – Abidjan and San Pedro

### **Lockdown / curfew**

For the time being, only a curfew is in force.

### **Port**

Port and vessels are working with no restrictions. The vessels are joined at outer anchorage by the quarantine for medical checking before entering the port.

### **Airport**

Airports are closed for commercial flights.



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## KENYA – Mombasa

### **Lockdown / curfew**

Business and Port operations are going on normally and the city is not under Lockdown. However people are encouraged to work from home where possible and currently, in practice, there is a curfew.

### **Port activity :**

Port operations are proceeding on normally with vessels berthing depending on date of departure from last Port of call. If the 14 days have not elapsed from the date of departure from the previous port, vessel has to wait until the fourteen days are over before being allowed to berth.

### **Airport**

Passenger Flights are stopped. No In-bound and Out-bound passenger flights. However cargo flights are operational.

### **Find below additional information on requirements/ restrictions for vessel calling at Mombasa Port : -**

1. Mandatory Pre-arrival Reporting on board must be undertaken at least 48 hours before the vessel arrival in Kenya's territorial waters. Masters of ships must therefore submit a duly completed and compulsory Maritime Declaration of Health form to the Port Health officer.
2. Masters shall regularly update the Port Health Office on the health status of the crew on board.
3. All arriving vessels with crew/passengers with recent travel history to countries with confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the past 14 days must undergo special monitoring and Port Health must issue restricted pratique.
4. Every ship entering Kenya from a country with confirmed cases of COVID-19 is subjected to rigorous inspection in the designated location as directed by the Harbour Master in consultations with Port Health Office.
5. If at any time during a vessel's stay at port, any health risk is reported, a Port Health Officer shall conduct assessments on a case by case basis to manage the risk and eliminate contamination other crew port personnel and others



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6. Crew/passengers with any of these symptoms (fever, headache, joint and muscle pain, sore throat, diarrhea, vomiting, stomach pain, cough or shortness of breathing) the Master Must report to the Port Health Office.
7. Crew/passengers of vessels from confirmed COVID-19 countries will **Not** be granted shore passes. Only Kenyans and foreigners with valid residence permits will be allowed to disembark after presentation of Health Declaration forms and by the health Authorities.
8. All visitors (dockworkers, agents, surveyors, port state inspectors) to a ship from countries confirmed with COVID-19 cases must be informed about the precautionary measures while on board. It shall be prohibited for anyone to board a vessel before the completion of the health inspection of the crew or passengers. All visitors to use protective disposable mask and latex gloves while on board and should dispose them on board before disembarking in a special disposal bin.
9. Masters of all ships due to arrive in a Kenyan port are required to declare their last 10 ports of call or voyage memo for the last three months, whichever is higher, and confirm that there is no crew showing symptoms of COVID-19 on board.
10. Ships agents, if possible, should use alternative means of contacting the vessels instead of boarding the vessels, so as to minimize potential contamination risk.
11. Ship crew change is temporarily suspended until further notice. The exception is given to Kenyan crew and persons with valid resident permits.
12. The Masters of vessels shall be required to provide sanitizers at the ship's gangway for persons entering and upon exit.
13. Garbage from vessels arriving from confirmed COVID-19 countries will not be allowed to be discharged at any Kenyan Port.



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## LIBERIA – Monrovia and Buchanan

### Lockdown / curfew

The President announced a state of emergency which took effect on April 10, 2020. The State of Emergency included the locking down of Montserrado(Monrovia) and three other counties in Liberia, declaring all residents of these counties to stay home for 14 days with the legislature extending the stay home to a 60 days period. Only essential business, such as Food distributors, Health facilities, financial institutions, Seaport and port related companies, are to remain opened from morning up to 3.00pm each day. No traveling in and out of the above counties are allowed.

### Port activity

Meanwhile, all ports of Liberia remain operational but no crew changes or disembarkation of sick crew are allowed for now. Vessels are allowed to berth on arrival but with strict health supervision by the Port health team, ensuring all working parties and ship crew adhere to health protocol and wearing facemasks, gloves, goggles and washing of hands regularly.

### Airport

The only international airport is closed to commercial flights. Only UN, NGO's and other humanitarian flights are allowed at the airport.

## MAURITANIA – Nouadhibou and Nouakchott

### Lockdown / curfew

Curfew from 18.00 hrs – 06.00 hrs : more flexible measures of curfew and inter-region confinement are expected today

### Port activity

Port and vessel are working. Medical visit on arrival on roads, subject to the result the vessel will be allowed to berth. No quarantine in case medical visit not reveals any positive sign of Covid 19

### Airport

Airport is closed and commercial flights are stopped. Only cargo flights are allowed for medical and food shipments.



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## NIGERIA – Lagos, Port Harcourt, Warri

### **Lockdown**

The lockdown in Lagos was extended for a further two weeks up to Monday 27/04/2020. A partial relaxation of the lockdown is expected as from Monday, but this is not certain.

### **Port activity**

The Sea Ports are however not affected as the Ports are working and persons who have reason to go to / work in the Ports are permitted to do so. Vessels berth normally on arrival, but they are instances of delays due to the slow pace of discharge and evacuation of discharged cargo from the Ports.

### **Airports :**

The Airports are still closed to none essential flights.

## SENEGAL – Dakar

### **Lockdown / curfew**

No lockdown so far but there is a curfew from 20.00 Lt to 06.00 Lt.

### **Port activity**

The port and vessels are working normally without restriction. Vessels are allowed to berth depending on the schedule and berths' availability. There are no quarantine measures but berthing authorization is subject to the prior visit of the Health Service at anchorage.

### **Airport**

Airport is closed and commercial flights are stopped. However, cargo flights are authorized.



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## TANZANIA – Dar es Salaam

### Lockdown / curfew

There is no lockdown or curfew as such. The government has noted that many citizens live on money earned on a daily basis, a lockdown would mean many people would suffer. However, schools / sports events / meetings were closed on 19<sup>th</sup> March for a month but as of 19<sup>th</sup> April the same has been extended indefinitely. This week bars and restaurants have been asked to close. Officially, people have been asked to work as normal but were required to apply all recommendations from WHO, therefore when possible the companies are working from home with a minimum staff in the offices.

### Port activity

Port and vessel are working normally. There are no restrictions as the government is aware the port is a major source of income and serves the landlocked countries. Safety measures have to be taken and PPE is compulsory.

### Airport

The airport is closed to all international flights have been suspended as of 14<sup>th</sup> April. This includes regional flight (Kenya, Uganda). Local (within Tanzania) are ongoing per schedule. Local and international cargo flights are allowed.

## TOGO – Lome

### Lockdown / curfew

Since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 the Togolese Government has implemented the “State of Alarm” in Togo for three (03) months – extendable depending on the evolution of the situation.

Thus, the Togolese Government has established measures that can limit the circulation or presence of persons or vehicles at certain times and in certain places, amongst others.

The Togolese government has implemented the curfew from 8:00 pm until 06 :00 am and for 03 months.



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## **Port activities**

All maritime borders of Togo are open, commercial activities and port operations continue to operate normally. Port and logistic activities related to cargo vessels continue.

Free practice would be carried out on the harbor before the entry of the ship and all persons involved in commercial operations, such as stevedores, agents, suppliers; must take all necessary precautions (use of antiseptic gel, gloves, mask) when assisting commercial vessels.

Each company has established the necessary measures in order to protect their employees' health, all in line with the Togolese Health Ministry instructions and procedures.

## **Airport**

The Airports are closed for commercial flight only, the cargo flight continued to operate normally



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**MOMBASA**

Dear *Sir,*

### **RE: BAGGING OF BULK CARGO IN THE PORT**

The Corona virus epidemic has affected nations, territories, organizations and institutions and the Port of Mombasa has not been spared either. Following the Government directives and measures issued to curb the spread of the virus, the Authority has opted to temporarily stop bagging of bulk cargo at the quayside.

The decision has been reached after observing the following practices, which expose port users to possible spread of COVID-19:

- i. The numbers involved are high both at the bagging plant equipment and those loading onto the trucks from the conveyor belt
- ii. Social distancing is difficult to maintain during this operation

The new mode will entail discharging bulk cargo directly onto the trucks for bagging to be done outside the Port area during this period. This will go a long way in reducing the Port human traffic and thus control the chances of spread of the virus.

Arising from this and in compliance with the Government guidelines, the Authority will temporarily suspend bagging services at the quayside for any arriving ship from 24th April 2020. Receivers of cargo through their agents will be required to seek alternative facilities outside the port for bagging services until further notice.

It is against this background that you are hereby requested to notify your members to relay the same to their principals and local receivers accordingly.

Your utmost cooperation during this time will be highly appreciated.

Yours *Sincerely,*

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