



BENIN

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Coronavirus, COVID-19

The following information was received from our correspondent on 3 April:

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In a [circular](#) dated 27 March 2020, Cotonou's Harbour Master informed all port stakeholders and users that the following measures had been introduced to limit the COVID-19 outbreak:

1. Health Inspections

48 hours before the vessel's expected time of arrival in Cotonou, the Captain must transmit the following documents to the Harbour Master via his ship agent:

- List of the last ten (10) ports of call.
- A health declaration for the crew and Master.
- Crew list.

If the above requirement is not met, the vessel will not be authorized to berth.

Once the vessel has berthed, Ministry of Health inspectors will board the ship to carry out a health inspection.

No one will be authorized to board or disembark from the vessel before completion of the health inspection and issuance of Free Pratique by the health inspectors.

2. Restrictions on Movements of Individuals

- While the vessel is in the port of Cotonou, crew members are no longer allowed to go ashore. Therefore, the issuance of shore passes has been suspended.
- Crew changes either in port or at anchorage have been suspended.
- Any crew member who embarked less than 14 days before the vessel's arrival in Cotonou must self-quarantine on board the vessel.
- All cruise and passenger vessels are banned until further notice.

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3. Protection of Staff in Port

All port operators must implement the protective measures introduced by the Beninese government.

Cotonou Port environmental inspectors will carry out inspections to ensure that all these measures are being applied

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