



PERU

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Coronavirus, COVID-19

The following information was received from our correspondent on 1 July:

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Please note that on Wednesday 1st July 2020, after more than 100 days since the inception of the Emergency National lockdown (quarantine) on the 16th March, the lockdown will be lifted with restrictions in most of Peru. The lockdown is also being lifted at the Capital city of Lima and at the Region of Callao, where the main Peruvian port is located.

Maritime trade has continued throughout the lockdown with certain difficulties/restrictions. For instance, major exporters in mining and fisheries have at some time been forced to interrupt their production activities, but have been retaking them since. This meaning that a few private ports belonging to some of them interrupted their activities at some point.

Imports and exports as such were and are not prohibited by the lockdown and cargo trade has continued at all main ports, including international trade and dispatch of stocks due for export.

The above mentioned restrictions to the lifting of the lockdown, amongst others consist, that; on seven regions (Peru is organized administratively in 24 regions plus the region of Callao and the capital city of Lima) the lockdown continues. In addition, the lifting of the lockdown does not apply to people under 14 years of age or above 65 years of age, except on exceptional cases.

All of us working at Overseas Service Agency S.A. are safe and below the 65 year age limitation and continue to be available through our emails or AOH phones. Following state guidelines, we will continue to work remotely from home and only some staff members will be going to the office from time to time until new notice. Our services, continue to be available at our main port of Callao and Regional Peruvian ports, through a network of regional surveyors.

Parallel to the lifting of the lockdown on most regions (including the Capital city and the adjoining port of Callao) on the 1st July, the third phase of economic reactivation will enter into force. This third phase entails the eventual reactivation of certain economic activities. In particular we wish to mention inter-regional passenger transport. Internal traveling within Peru will be reactivated to all except the seven regions of Peru where the lockdown continues. Passenger and cargo air transport within the country, which had been interrupted altogether is also due to resume. This reactivation of travel is subject to the implementation of bio-security protocols.

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Previously we could not travel outside our individual cities even with our working permits. The country was only served by surface cargo traffic and official government activities.

International passenger air transport is and has been entirely suspended throughout the lockdown. The government has yet to determine, when all borders (which are presently closed) are reopened to people/passenger traffic. This is not expected to happen before the month of August, depending on the development of the Pandemic. Needless to say the operation of cruise ships continues suspended until new notice.

Until international borders are opened, crew changes will still not be possible at any Peruvian ports.

It should be pointed out that; Peru is one of the countries most affected by the Pandemic in the world on basis of the confirmed number of cases. As a result of this the Peruvian health system has been greatly affected. Despite efforts by the authorities, public hospitals are overwhelmed by the number of severely ill persons. Today the number of active cases is reported by the President of the Country to be in decline, with the exception of seven regions.

It is not expected that cargo and port activity, which continue in course, will be interrupted at the regions still in lockdown.

We trust this helps you assess the situation.

Should you need specific information of any port or activity do let us know.

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