

CORRESPONDENT'S ADVICE

SOUTH AFRICA

06 MAY 2021

Coronavirus, COVID-19

The following information was received from our correspondent on 6 May:

QUOTE

Please find attached a substantially revised Notice from the Chief Harbour Master of South Africa setting out new control measures applicable at all South African ports.

[...]

In summary:

1. Masters are required to make accurate maritime declarations of health and well-being of all mariners onboard a vessel to the authorities including any suspicions of any other health infections. Any false declaration will be viewed in a serious light and reported to the South African Maritime Safety Authority and Port Health officials for further action resulting in either detention, a fine and/or additional penal measures taken. The Master is responsible and accountable for all onboard the vessel and will be held liable for any false declarations. The agent of the vessel is to ensure that accurate health declarations are made or face the consequence of suspension of their Agent Registration Certificate.
2. Masters must make declaration of crew who joined the vessel in the last 30 days and the transit points they went through and stowaways if any onboard.
3. All vessels are required to declare the last 10 ports of call with the arrival notification. The port authority will determine which vessels are required to have COVID testing done prior to docking.
4. No shore leave will be permitted for anyone from vessels infected with COVID-19.
5. Daily temperature monitoring records will also need to be submitted to the port authority and any other relevant authority.



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Department: Chief Harbour Master

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To: SAASOA Members, Bunker Operators, Ship Chandlers,
Offshore Operators, Vessel Crew Shuttle Services,
Stevedore Companies, Terminal Operators

CC: Executive Manager SHE, Port Managers, Harbour
Masters, Deputy Harbour Masters, Senior Operations
Managers, Port Health, SAMSA

TO BE COMMUNICATED INTERNALLY & EXTERNALLY

CHIEF HARBOUR MASTER (CHM)– NOTICE No.13 - HEALTH RISK ALERT – COVID-19 Adjusted Alert Level 3 - Amended

Note that TNPA Notice No.12 remains in force.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The main function of Transnet National Ports Authority (“TNPA”) is to own, manage, control and administer ports to ensure their efficient and economic functioning. TNPA values its employees, stakeholders and port users, and as such deems it important to continuously review permitted activities against existing risks and address any deficiencies in the system in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- 2.2 To this end, TNPA has implemented measures as per the Regulations issued in terms of the Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002, the relevant amendments thereto, as well as other applicable regulations and TNPA specific requirements to prevent the entrance and spread of Covid19 variants in the country.

3. INTRODUCTION OF NEW CONTROL MEASURES

The following measures must be read in conjunction with the Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002 and it's enabling Regulations as well as SAMSA Marine Notices that applies to all vessels.

It is incumbent on all vessel masters to make accurate Maritime Declarations of Health and well-being of all mariners on-board a vessel to the Authorities including any suspicions of any other health infections. Any false declaration will be viewed in a serious light and reported to the South African Maritime Authority and Port Health officials for further action that may result in either detention, a fine, and/ or additional penal measures taken. . The master is responsible and

accountable for all on-board the vessel and will be held liable for any false declarations. The agent of the vessel is to ensure that accurate health declarations are made or face the consequence of suspension of their Agent Registration Certificate.

- 3.1. Vessel Masters must make declaration of crew who joined the vessel in the last 30 days and the transit points they went through and stowaways if any on-board.
- 3.2. All vessels are required to declare the last 10 ports of call with the Arrival Notification - the Port Authority will determine which vessels are required to have Covid testing done prior to docking.
- 3.3. No shore leave will be permitted for anyone from vessels infected with Covid 19.
- 3.4. The daily temperature monitoring records will also need to be submitted to TNPA and another other relevant Authority.

Suspected cases should be discussed with public health call line no. **0800 029 999**. **The local Port Health Office, Harbour Master and Agency must be informed of any suspected cases.**

By order of:



Captain Rufus Lekala
Chief Harbour Master
Transnet National Ports Authority
DATE: 06/05/2021

ANNEXURE A: Substitution of Form 7 of the Regulations

6. Form 7 of the Regulations is hereby substituted for the following Form:

"FORM 7

PERMIT TO TRAVEL TO PERFORM A SERVICE

Regulation 68

- *Please note that the person to whom the permit is issued must at all times present a form of identification together with this permit. If no identification is presented, the person to whom the permit is issued will have to return to his or her place of residence.*

I, being the head of institution, with the below mentioned details,

Surname				
Full names				
Identity number				
Contact details	cell nr.	tel nr(w)	tel nr(h)	e-mail address
Physical Address of Institution				

hereby certify that the below mentioned official/employee is performing services in my institution

Surname	
Full names	
Identity number	
Place of residence of employee	

Signed at _____, on this the _____ day of _____ 2021.

Signature of Head of Institution

Official stamp of
Institution