



YEMEN – HODEIDAH, SALEEF, ADEN

29 APR 2020

Coronavirus, COVID-19

The following information was received from our correspondent on 11 April:

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As a precaution against COVID-19, authorities in Hodeidah decided that ships calling at the ports of Hodeidah and Saleef shall remain at anchorage for 14 days before they are allowed to enter into the ports and proceed to berth.

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And:

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With confirming the discovery of one infection with COVID-19 in Yemen today, the Yemen Gulf of Aden Ports Corporation announced on its website on Facebook today 10/04/2020 the precautionary measures taken by the port of Aden to confront the pandemic Corona (Covid-19) upon the arrival of ships as follows:

1. All ships are obligated to spray with sterilizers before entering port which include spraying the deck, accommodation and the stairwell.
2. After that, the medical personnel board the ship with the camera and the modern examination equipment for crew medical examination.
3. Ship's certificates will be checked followed by a report sent to the Executive Chairman of the Yemen Gulf of Aden Ports Corporation on the condition of the ship.
4. In case the ship found infected the ship is directed to leave port immediately.
5. Ship's ladder shall not be descended while ship at berth.
6. Ship's crew shall not be allowed to land from ship to jetty.
7. Ships shall remain at anchorage for a week before they are allowed to enter port.
8. Dhows and sailing boats are banned from port entry.
9. Masks and gloves will be provided to all port workers and employees on a daily basis.
10. All port departments and buildings will be sprayed and sterilized.

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In addition to above, and with immediate effect it has been announced that tariff and land transport has been suspended between Governorates.

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Update was received 26 April:

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With effect from midnight 25/04/2020, the Southern Transitional Council (STC) declared self-administration in the former South Yemen. The STC announced state of emergency in the former southern capital city of Aden and in the late hours of last night, military forces affiliated to the STC took control of the central bank, the national oil company and other Government facilities. Amidst these developments, the port of Aden remains open and operational as normal.

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Further update was received 29 April:

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The Yemeni Minister of Public Health announced today the registration of five confirmed COVID-19 cases in Aden.

Accordingly, the self-administration authorities announced the following measures to come in effect as follows:

1. Announcement of a 24-hours curfew in Aden for three days starting at midnight Wednesday 29/04/2020,
2. Closure of all markets, restaurants and shopping malls for two weeks,
3. Closure of mosques and prayer rooms for two weeks,
4. Closure of border outlets except for cargo and humanitarian aid movements,

In the meantime, the port of Aden remains open and operational as normal.

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