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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 19th March for a month but as of 19th 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 14th 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 1st 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