

## INFORMATION NOTE

Considering the current health situation in Asia, Europe and Africa, namely the epidemic of coronavirus also called covid-19 and taking into account the significant risks that this could represent for our country, the Ministry of Health by through its Secretary General and an Advisor to the Minister, the Ministry of Defense through Military Health, the Directorate General of the Merchant Marine, Gabon Port Management (GPM) and the Office of Ports and Rades from Gabon (OPRAG) held a meeting this Friday, February 14, 2020, in order to find ways and means to minimize the risk of entry and spread of this epidemic in our country.

To this end, in the name of the precautionary principle, a certain number of preventive measures have been taken with regard to the reception of ships in our ports. They are stated as follows.

1- Any vessel wishing to call at the Ports of Gabon, must send to the Harbor Master's office of the port of call, three (03) days before its arrival:

The list of the ten (10) last ports called,

The list of crews changed and the visas of the last ten countries called by these crews.

2- Any vessel coming from or having called at least one of the ports of the countries in the grip of the epidemic, whose duration of departure from these ports until arrival at the Ports of Libreville is between fifteen (15) and twenty eight

(28) days, the procedure for accessing the Ports of Libreville is as follows:

Give the information on the on-board health certificate;

Give the list of crews, copies of passports and up-to-date seaman's books.

3-If the ship calls in a country plagued by an epidemic in the 14 days preceding its arrival at the Ports of Libreville:

Fourteen (14) day quarantine of the vessel;

Morning and evening temperature control by medical and / or paramedical staff;

During this entire emergency period, gloves, FFP2 masks and the application of hydro-alcoholic solutions will be required for health workers and all other stakeholders of the port platform who may be in contact with so-called suspect vessels;

The medical and / or paramedical staff followed by the Inspectors of the National Institute of Public Hygiene and Sanitation, will board the ships before berthing at the same time as the pilots, all with adequate PPE;

Access to these ships is prohibited for any person before the advice and disembarkation of medical and / or paramedical staff and that of INHPA,

No crew member is allowed to alight from the ship until further notice,

No crew change is authorized until further notice in the Ports of Libreville,

As health is everyone's business, the administrations and operators working in the Ports of Libreville are each responsible, as far as it is concerned, for applying the provisions of this note. Any breach of these provisions exposes the offender (s) to the sanctions provided for this purpose. Attached is the list of countries experiencing the coronavirus epidemic or covit19

Done at Owendo on February 14, 2020 Copy:

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## LIST OF COUNTRIES OR CASES OF CORONAVIRUS HAVE BEEN DETECTED

Apart of the Republic of CHINA, the following countries are considered at risk.

JAPAN

THAILAND

SINGAPORE

SOUTH KOREA

HONG KONG

AUSTRALIA

GERMANY

TAIWAN

USA

MACAO

VIET NAM

FRANCE

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

CANADA

PHILIPPINES

RUSSIA

ITALY

INDIA

ENGLAND

SRI LANKA

CAMBODIA

NEPAL

FINLAND

SPAIN

BOTSWANA

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