

information note

Faced with the current health situation in Asia, Europe and Africa, namely the epidemic of coronavirus still called covid-19 and taking into account the non-negligible risks that this could represent for our country, the Ministry of Health by the intermediary of 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, 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 last ten (10) ports touched;
- The list of Change crews made and the visas of the last ten countries touched by these crews.

2- Any ship coming from or having called in at least one of the ports of countries in the throes of an epidemic, the 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:

- Provide information on the on-board health certificate;

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

- Fourteen (14) day quarantine of the vessel;
- Marine and evening temperature control by medical and / or paramedical staff;
- Throughout this emergency period, wearing gloves, FFP2 masks, the application of hydro-alcoholic solutions will be required for health workers and all other stakeholders of the port platform who could 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 docking at the same time as the pilots, all provided with adequate PPE;

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

- No crew member is allowed to Disembark from the ship until further notice;
- No crew change is authorized until further notice in the Ports of Libreville.

Health being everyone's business, the administrations as well as the operators in the Ports of Libreville are each responsible for the implementation of the provisions of this note.

Any failure to comply with these provisions exposes the offender (s) to the sanctions provided for this purpose.