## **BUDD Group**

## UPDATE 24 March 2020

Following the below anti-COVID-19 measures published on our **website** last week, Budd Togo reports that all the country's land, air and sea borders were closed on 21 March 2020.

Furthermore, according to a **port circular** issued on 23 March 2020, any person disembarking from a vessel in Togo will be placed in quarantine for 14 days.

Similarly, any crew member transiting through Togo to join a vessel will be first quarantined for 14 days.

## **COVID-19: COVID-19: Precautionary Measures in Togo**

17 March 2020

In view of the COVID-19 outbreak, vessels calling in Lomé (Togo) must send the following documents to their agents 72 hours before their expected time of arrival:

- Crew list specifying joining date and port of each crew member.
- Form from Ministry of Health indicating the itinerary of each crew member or passenger over the last 30 days duly completed and signed by the vessel's Master.
- List of the last ten (10) ports of call.
- Maritime Health Declaration.

Vessels whose ETA from a neighbouring port is less than 72 hours away must email all the above documents to their Lomé ship agent as soon as they sail from the previous port.

The vessel's Master must also alert his Lomé ship agent to any suspected COVID-19 case on board.

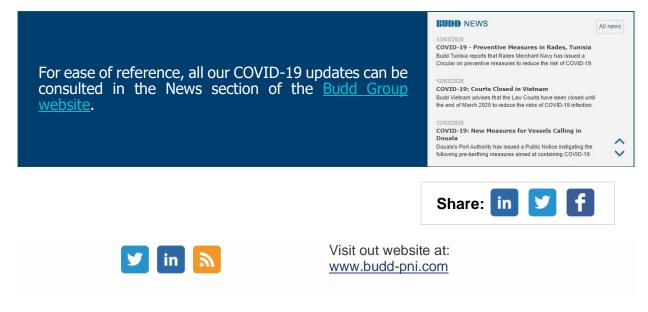
The documents received from the vessel will first be checked by Lomé Port Control and then forwarded to Lomé Port Health Services so that they can decide under what conditions the vessel will be allowed to enter Lomé waters or port:

- If there is no ascertained risk of infection, the vessel will follow normal berthing procedures as soon as the Health Services have been on board.
- If there is a minor risk of infection, the vessel will not be allowed to enter Lomé waters or port until the Health Services have disinfected the vessel, and no other parties will be allowed to embark or disembark.
- If there is a proven risk of infection, stronger measures will be taken, and the vessel may be banned from entering Lomé waters or port.

A sample of a circular issued by one Lomé agent is to be found <u>here</u>.

Our Lomé office has also provided a copy of the **form provided by the Ministry of Health concerning the movements of crew members and passengers**.

Information provided by Budd Togo budd.togo@budd-pni.com



Click this link to unsubscribe