



Africa Express Line Ltd.

Current procedures in port due to the COVID 19 **03rd April 2020**

Vado, Italy.

- 1/. All required documents upon docking such as NOR, pre-arrival documents for formalities and passports for the immigration are being left in the gangway in a folder for the boarding agent to collect.
- 2/. Other information such as arrival time (EOSP, POB, all fast time), Bunker figures, FW and draft are included in a letter that is also included in the above mentioned folder.
- 3/. The only government authorities that will board the vessel is one member of the customs' office to seal the bonded store and unseal it before departure.
- 4/. For departure all port clearance, cargo manifests and SOF are being sent via email.
- 5/. Boarding agent is available via the phone and emails only.
- 6/. Maritime health declaration is the only pre-arrival declaration that the vessel has to make during the Coronavirus epidemic
- 7/. Reefer Technicians are not allowed to go on board and any plugging is being done by the crew. No change or request for more payments via the crew allowance from the moment. Reefer Handover report is being provided via email before arrival.
- 8/. Planners only communicated via email and an email confirmation by us or the Captain is sufficient to proceed with the loading ops.

Port Vendres, France.

- 1/. The only pre-arrival declaration or documentation that the Harbour Master requires is the ANNA. No other documents or passports are being collected from the vessel. The procedure has not changed after the COVID 19 epidemic.
- 2/. Boarding agent is not boarding the vessel. Any arrival and departure information are obtained via email.
- 3/. Government authorities usually do not come on board at a regular reoccurrence and any visit is being kept uninformed.
- 4/. Any cargo information or letter of reserves are being electronically transmitted to the vessel for their countersignature. The same with loading plans and reefer handover reports. No change or request for more payments via the crew allowance from the moment. Plugging has always been done by the crew/supercargo.
- 5/. Boarding agent is available via the phone and emails only.

Agadir, Morocco.

- 1/. New pre-arrival health declarations have been put in place during the COVID 19 epidemic. The vessels are obliged to forward them before their expected date of arrival.
- 2/. Boarding agent is still boarding the vessel to acquire all the pre-arrival documents. The same is happening before departure.
- 3/. Government authorities are meeting the vessel's captain and officer alongside the gangway ashore for all formalities. No authorities are entering the vessel's accommodation.
- 4/. No boarding restrictions have been put in place for shore personnel such as reefer technicians. Boarding agent still remains the focal point of communication between the vessel and the shore even for operational matters.



Portsmouth, United Kingdom.

- 1/. All required documents upon docking such as NOR, pre-arrival documents for formalities have already been sent electronically.
- 2/. Other information such as arrival time (EOSP, POB, all fast time), Bunker figures, FW and draft are also sent electronically. The same happens before departure.
- 3/. Boarding agent is available via the phone and emails only. The only case any boarding agent will board the vessel is for crew allowances.
- 4/. Government authorities visit the vessel unexpectedly and do not notify the boarding agent or the vessels. They will board the vessel and visit ship's office.

- 5/. No additional health declaration or information document has been requested from the vessels that are un-symptomatic of COVID 19. Additional questioners are only required in case a crew member shows signs of illness.
- 6/. Any plugging is being done by the crew. Reefer Handover report along with cargo documents are sent via email.

Antwerp, Belgium.

- 1/. Boarding agent is still performing his duties as normal and no new set of instructions has been put in place in order to minimize visits.
- 2/. No additional health declaration or information document has been requested from the vessels that are un-symptomatic of COVID 19. Additional questioners are only required in case a crew member shows signs of illness.
- 3/. Government authorities visit the vessel unexpectedly and do not notify the boarding agent or the vessels. They will board the vessel and visit ship's office.

Dakar, Senegal.

- 1/. Health inspection is done at the anchorage. This government body only works during day time, hence a backlog of vessels is created every day at the anchorage. This is also because fishing vessels have priority over merchant vessels in the queue for health inspection.
- 2/. Boarding agent is still performing his duties as normal and no new set of instructions has been put in place in order to minimize visits. The amount of visits is also directly dependent to the amount of visit that the authorities will make on board.
- 3/. Government authorities visit the vessel unexpectedly and do not notify the boarding agent or the vessels. New rules set in place by the vessels such as placing sitting facilities in the gangway have frustrated the authorities. Some government departments have been aggressive to the vessels, claiming that their duties cannot be performed in open spaces.

Tema, Ghana.

- 1/. Health inspection is done at the anchorage. This government body only works during day time and a dialogue is currently open between authorities on finding a solution to minimize delays to the vessels' berthing schedule.
- 2/. Boarding agent is still performing his duties as normal and no new set of instructions has been put in place in order to minimize visits. The amount of visits is also directly dependent to the amount of visit that the authorities will make on board.



Douala, Cameroon.

- 1/. Health inspection is done alongside lately.
- 2/. Currently, an empty container is set alongside the vessel as a sentry box. This is the area where the Captains places all required documents. These are in different folders according to the authorities they are addressed to. There are currently discussions for the authorities to not even come alongside the vessel and the agent to collect and transfer all folders to their offices.



Abidjan, Ivory Coast.

- 1/. Health inspection is done in the anchorage.
- 2/. Currently, the setting of a sitting area along the gangway works with no reported issues. The boarding agent is the first to board and meet the Captain or officer for all necessary paper documents.
- 3/. Authorities come on board to meet the crew in the provided sitting facilities in an organized order.
- 4/. Temperature is taken on all people boarding the vessel on the quay and on the gangway.
- 5/. No restrictions are currently set on technicians boarding the vessel for plugging, handing over reefer hand over reports etc.

Compulsory Temperature check below at Fruit Terminal Entrance.

