

**COTONOU PORT AUTHORITY**

**HARBOUR OFFICE**

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**COTONOU PORT AUTHORITY MEASURES REGARDING PREVENTION OF  
SPREAD OF COVID-19**

The Cotonou Port Authority Managing Director inform ships owners, shipping agents, stevedores and all port platform users that following measures are in place with immediate effect in order to prevent and avoid COVID-19 to spread at Cotonou port. These measures consist of:

- 1- All vessel Master calling Cotonou port must transmit 48 hours prior vessel arrival Cotonou roads to Harbour Master through the appointed ship agency following documents:
  - **10 last port of call list**
  - **Memorandum stating the whole crew health status**
  - **Crew list (Crew list must show place and date of embarkation)**

None vessel should not be allowed to berth without transmission of the listed documents above during the period stated above.

- 2- After vessel berthing, sanitary officials will board for health and sanitary inspection
  - **None person allowed to board the vessel or disembark from the vessel prior completion of the sanitary inspection and delivery of free pratique by sanitary officials.**
  - **Cargo operations will commence only after free pratique duly delivered to vessel.**
- 3- During a call at Cotonou port,
  - **crew member are no longer allowed to go ashore; the delivery of shore pass being suspended.**
  - **All crew or passenger who embarked a vessel less than 14 days prior vessel arrival/berthing at Cotonou port should be self-isolated, quarantined and remain on board till vessel leave Cotonou port.**
  - **Crew change (crew embarkation & disembarkation) at berth or anchorage is suspended till further notice.**
  - **Cruise vessel and passengers' vessels port call are no longer allowed till further notice.**
- 4- All port operators (shipping agents, stevedores, clearing agents, trucks owners) are pleased to comply with all measures implemented by Benin government against COVID-19 in order to preserve their health.

Cotonou Port Authority environment inspectors will proceed with unplanned visits to assess the effectiveness of the respect of the above listed measures.

This circular is released with immediate effect.

Signed on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Cotonou Port Authority Managing Director

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