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For Legal Translation





Ports and Maritime Transport Authority

Guide of precautionary and preventive procedures for Vessels entering and leaving Libyan ports



In implementation of the state of emergency declared by the Presidential Council of Government of National Accord by decree No. (2) for the year 2020 concerning the precautionary measures due to the outbreak of corona virus emerging in the countries of the world, and in reference to the letter by Mr. / Director of Office of the Presidential Council of Government of National Accord No (2/375 ) dated 19/03/202 in regard to regulating processing measures in maritime outlets through coordination with the National Center for Disease Control , and in light of the meeting held at the headquarters of Ministry of Communications on Wednesday , in the presence of:

Mr. commissioned Minister of Communications

Commissioned Minister of Health

Mr. Undersecretary of Ministry of the Interior

Mr. General Director of National Center for Disease Control

And all the officials assigned to attend the meeting at the National Oil Corporation - the operating oil companies for oil terminals - the Ports Authority - the Libyan Ports Company - the Customs Authority - .... etc.

The meeting concluded to the necessity of preparing a guide for the procedures for vessels entering and leaving, anchoring and handling so that the process is safe and without direct or minimal communication between the crews of ships coming to all Libyan ports and the personnel operating the ports and the competent authorities. This guide has been prepared by the following entities:

National Oil Corporation – oil companies operating oil terminals - Ports Authority - Libyan Ports Company - Customs Authority - etc.

# Firstly: General precautionary and preventive measures for all Libyan ports

1- It is prohibited to board vessels coming to oil platforms, to avoid direct contact with their crews. This prohibition includes:

- ( The Pilot- the Immigration representative the customs representative the shipping agent representatives of the maritime authority the cargo surveyor and the like).
- 2- The disembark of vessel crews, tugboats and foreign sea units is prohibited in all Libyan ports except in extreme necessity, which is the injuries approved by the Director of health control office at the relevant port. The shipping agent is required to submit the following documents enclosed with the arrival notice.
- A List of the last entered (10) ports.
- B the list of crew members , indicating last crew replacement two weeks before date of arrival
- C Statement by the shipmaster that the ship is free of symptoms or suspicion of the novel corona virus
- 1- The administrative and technical procedures for each entity mentioned in paragraph (1) are done conducted wireless and electronic transactions.
- 2- The mooring process begins after the health representative has confirmed the statement issued by the shipmaster indicated in paragraph (c). In the absence of a health representative, the ship will be given permission to enter.
- 3- The piloting process is carried out with a minimum of (2) tugboats to ensure safety of the mooring process
- 4- The piloting process is done remotely using wireless and electronic means of communication, taking into account weather conditions and following safety and security requirements.
- 5- It is prohibited to unload any wastes from vessels, whether liquid or solid, inside Libyan ports.
- 8- All shipping agents / the operating company of the oil terminals of National Oil Corporation / Libyan Ports Company / General Tug and Rescue

Company and Marine Services / National General Company for Maritime Transport / Carriers , must work on:

- A) Providing Personal Protective Equipment including (Disposable overall gloves goggles )N95) masks- Headgear Shoe cover Personal sterilization fluids) approved by the National Center for Disease Control).
- B) Issuing flyers and awareness-raising guides for their employees at the port facilities and following up on international bulletins regarding developments concerning the Corona virus (COVID-19)

Secondly: Special measures for offshore platforms (Boury field and the continental shelf field)

Thirdly: Procedures for oil ports on single-link freight points (SPM).

- 1- After safe mooring of vessel to the loading point, the flexible loading hose for the loading of crude oil by crews of the tankers takes place.
- 2- The loading hoses and the rope attached to the loading point are loosened by the tanker crews and then towed by tugboats to a safe area to complete the shipping and departure documents procedures without direct contact.
- 3- The operating company sterilizes the fastening and loading equipment that was used.

## Fourthly: Special procedures for jetties.

- 1- After the safe mooring of vessel, the process of shipping products and goods is carried out, this process takes place without direct contact between individuals, with the need to use personal protective equipment for the port operation crews.
- 2- The loading lines is carried out by the crews of the tankers.



- 3- loading lines are unfastened, as are the mooring ropes connected to the docks by the port operators, with the need to use personal protective equipment for operating crews, the ship is towed by tugboats to the hook area to complete the shipping and departure documents procedures without direct contact.
- 4- The operating company sterilizes the fastening and loading equipment that was used.

## Fifthly: Procedures for commercial and industrial ports

After the process of mooring, safe fastening and the completion of all procedures by the relevant authorities and giving permission to vessel unloading process or shipping the handling are to be conducted in accordance with the procedures for the classification of the following vessels

## A: Container ships, casting and general cargo.

After the ship's crew conducts unfastens the binding the goods on board, its crew is obligated to return inside their residence at the ship and not leave it, and to take the necessary measures to ensure that the handling teams are not mixed through monitoring by the port's security and safety office or the health supervision office in coordination with its shipping agent.

In the event that one of the ship's crew members must be present on the deck and unable to communicate via radios, he is not allowed to be in the handling area except after wearing personal protective equipment including (disposable overall- Gloves - Protective goggles - (N95) - Head cover - shoe cover - personal sterilization fluids), taking into account the protective distance is no less than (3) meters.

the handling teams begin the unloading and loading process at the beginning of the work hours of the day following the unfastening of goods in the ship holds with the need for using safety personal protective equipment for handling workers.

- Upon the completion of the daily handling work, the handling workers leave the ship, and during the process of disembarking, the precautionary measures are followed by disposing of the masks and gloves by the methods specified by the monitoring office, as well as by sterilization, with the need to change the work clothes and washing them daily.
- Once unloading or loading operations of the ship are completed, no direct contact with it shall occur, and documents are exchanged on paper by bag or electronically.

#### **B**: Livestock vessels

When starting to handle animals from the vessel, handling workers are not allowed to enter unless after wearing personal protective equipment including (disposable overall- Gloves - Protective goggles - (N95) - Head cover - shoe cover - personal sterilization fluids), taking into account the protective distance is no less than (3) meters for the crew of the vessel, and that personal protective equipment is permanently disposed of directly after leaving the vessel and to follow the preventive measures and sterilization upon disembarkation.

### A: Roll-on/roll-off ships for cars.

Roll-on/roll-off ships for cars are prohibited from entering all Libyan ports, except after a period of (14) days from the date of their arrival in the hook area.

#### Sixthly: Conditions and Instructions:

In the case of a health control office in each port, the representative boards first to ensure that the ship is free of suspicion of the novel Corona virus and may not be allowed to board except after wearing personal protective equipment

including (disposable overall-Gloves - Protective goggles – (N95) - Head cover - shoe cover - personal sterilization fluids)

- In the event that the health representative is unable to board the ship in the outer hook area, the ship is allowed to enter the commercial and industrial ports through wireless guidance, and boarded in the internal port dock.

In the case of the shipmaster refuses to enter without the presence of a pilot or the pilot refuses to bring in the ship (by wireless guidance), the pilot is allowed to board the ship provided he wears wearing personal protective equipment including (disposable overall- Gloves - Protective goggles - (N95) - Head cover - shoe cover - personal sterilization fluids) and follows preventive measures and sterilization upon direct descent.

These measures do not apply to ships operating on domestic flights between Libyan ports, provided they do not leave international waters and implement preventive measures upon their arrival to the first Libyan port.

- In the event that these preventive measures are violated by any party, whether Libyan or foreign ship crews, strict legal measures will be taken against them and will be referred to the judiciary.
- In case it is not possible to implement this guide for each port or any type of ship, the ship should not be allowed to enter unless after 14 days have passed since its arrival in the hook area

When there is a difference between the captain and the company supplying the fuel with regard to the quantities, which requires providing a neutral surveyor to survey the quantity on board the ship, the owner of the ship shall provide

personal protective personal protective equipment including (disposable overall- Gloves - Protective goggles - (N95) - Head cover - shoe cover - personal sterilization fluids) and follows preventive measures and sterilization immediately after disembarking.

It is forbidden to allow non-national trawlers unless after a period of (20) days has passed, the Coast Guard Authority should take its measures to monitor Libyan trawlers when they leave Libyan ports and return, as well as ensure that they do not contact any foreign marine vessels.

- It is forbidden to allow the national trawlers coming from foreign ports except after waiting for a period of (14) days in the hook area in the absence of the possibility of quarantine of the National Center for Disease Control.

With regard to national ships, crews are prohibited from landing in the port until after 14 days have passed and with the approval of the Health Control Office.

Note These procedures are to be translated and circulated to all relevant internal and external parties for adherence.

Approval of the National Center for Disease Control
Minister of Transportation

