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| ****COVID-19: New Measures for Vessels Calling in Douala**** |

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| Douala’s Port Authority has issued a [Public](http://eye.sbc31.net/c?p=xBDQ19DV0JMj0JxRRlvQtdCgBmjQgAzQp1zEEF7QtuzQpgYWTOPQgdCkaf4V93PQmtlkaHR0cDovL3d3dy5idWRkLXBuaS5jb20vdXBsb2FkL2ZpY2hpZXJzL0Nvcm9uYXZpcnVzJTIwQ2FtZXJvb24lMjAtJTIwUG9ydCUyMEF1dGhvcml0aWVzJTIwTm90aWNlLnBkZrg1YTdkYjE0MWI4NWI1MzQ1ZTExY2EyMjfEENCZWRPQsNDCLUHQpNCUNnjQ0U1fT9DHrWV5ZS5zYmMzMS5uZXTEFC_QkBfQvC7gZdCf0Mk1flzQqtDF0I8k50joTA) [Notice](http://www.budd-pni.com/upload/fichiers/Coronavirus%20Cameroon%20-%20Port%20Authorities%20Notice.pdf) instigating the following pre-berthing measures aimed at containing COVID-19: * Ships from countries at risk must wait at the base buoy for a minimum period of 14 days before being allowed to proceed into the channel;

 * At the end of this period, the Port Health Service will board the vessel and decide whether the vessel will be allowed to start berthing procedures;

 * No other administrations or services will be authorized to board the vessel until Free Pratique has been granted;

 * No deliveries on board the vessel are allowed while it is at anchorage at the base buoy;
* Crew changes must be carried out under the supervision of the Port Health Service.

 Budd Cameroun advises that any crew member who is found to have COVID-19 type symptoms will be tested and placed in quarantine on board unless his medical condition requires him to be disembarked and treated in a suitable medical facility. Furthermore, as in Senegal, the term “countries at risk” applies to all countries in which confirmed cases have been recorded by the World Health Organisation, see [here](http://eye.sbc31.net/c?p=xBDQ19DV0JMj0JxRRlvQtdCgBmjQgAzQp1zEEFj40Kfz0LxDSTTQsdCa62okSdDCctl4aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cud2hvLmludC9kb2NzL2RlZmF1bHQtc291cmNlL2Nvcm9uYXZpcnVzZS9zaXR1YXRpb24tcmVwb3J0cy8yMDIwMDMwOS1zaXRyZXAtNDktY292aWQtMTkucGRmP3NmdnJzbj03MGRhYmU2MV80uDVhN2RiMTQxYjg1YjUzNDVlMTFjYTIyN8QQ0JlZE9Cw0MItQdCk0JQ2eNDRTV9P0MetZXllLnNiYzMxLm5ldMQUL9CQF9C8LuBl0J_QyTV-XNCq0MXQjyTnSOhM) for the report published on 9 March 2020. Cameroon itself can now be considered as an at-risk country insofar as two French people who arrived from France on 28 February 2020, tested positive for the virus and were hospitalized on 6 March 2020. The 200 people with whom they had been in contact have been placed in quarantine for 14 days.  Information provided by Budd Cameroon budd.cameroun@budd-pni.com     |

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