
**Afkondigingsblad
van Sint Eustatius**



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Regulation of the government-commissioner of April 17 2020 no. 01 regarding the execution of the Public Health Act in connection with COVID-19 for vessels other than cargo vessels coming to the city pier

Whereas

- in the Netherlands, but also worldwide, there is a pandemic caused by the Coronavirus (COVID-19);
- COVID-19 is a group A infectious disease;
- the Minister of Infrastructure and Water Management decreed on April 10th, 2020, to extend the *Regeling Tijdelijk verbod burgerlijke luchtvaart luchtruim Bonaire, Sint Eustatius en Saba* (Regulation Temporary Ban on Civil Aviation Airspace Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba) until April 28th, 18:00 hours local time (Stcrt 10 april 2020, no 21917);
- the government-commissioner by emergency decree of March 27th, April 3rd and April 15th 2020, has declared all ports closed for passenger travel;
- there are meanwhile people on St. Eustatius with coronavirus / COVID-19;
- the Government Commissioner of St. Eustatius, in pursuant to chapter 5 paragraphs 2 and 6 of the *Public Health Act* (Wet publieke gezondheid), provides for the prevention of an epidemic of an infectious disease belonging to group A of infectious diseases;
- the medical capacity of the hospital and health service is under pressure;
- in order to prevent further spread of the coronavirus/ COVID-19, protocols were set in place on March 26th and April 6th and 7th by the maritime sector, for vessels other than the cargo vessels coming to the city pier;
- it is desired to have the procedures established by the abovementioned protocol, adopted into an official regulation;

Decides to adopt the following Regulation regarding the execution of the Public Health Act in connection with COVID-19 for vessels other than cargo vessels coming to the city pier Besluit houdende algemene maatregelen.... /// Eilandsverordening

Hoofdstuk 1 Titel hoofdstuk 1

Paragraaf 1 Titel paragraaf Article 1 Reporting duty

1. The master of ship shall, in accordance to the International Health regulations (IHR 2005 art 37), deliver the Maritime Declaration of Health prior to arrival in our ports the ships visited within the previous thirty days.
2. All crew or passengers that have joined the ship within the last thirty days, shall be reported to the port authority in accordance with the IHR.
3. The reports mentioned in paragraph 1 and 2 of this article are to be conveyed to the harbor master through the usual channels.

Article 2 Precautions

Anyone boarding any ship travelling from international waters must:

- a. put on PPE, meeting at least the minimum requirement of N95 or FFp2 face mask or respirator, close eye goggles, gloves (nitril x-long, bio hazard), and a Hazmat suit. Failure to comply with this will result in admission to the ship being denied.
- b. avoid meeting with ship's crew in closed quarters where ventilation systems might recirculate air, and remain on deck.
- c. keep a safe distance of one and a half meters from the nearest person at all times.
- d. wash hands prior to and after boarding with soap or sanitize with alcohol.
- e. maintain proper sneezing etiquette by sneezing in a tissue or elbow.

Article 3 Category ships

1. Ships falling under this regulation can be placed in one of the following categories:
 - a. Type 1
 - b. Type 2 low risk.
 - c. Type 2 high risk.
2. The ships are placed in the categories by the Public Health department based on the reports provided under article 1.

Article 4 Access prohibited

- a. At no point will anyone be allowed to board a type 1 or a type 2 high risk vessel.
- b. The following persons, entities or representatives thereof are not allowed to board type 2 low risk vessels: ship's agents, bunker masters, jetty dock masters.
- c. The Shipping Inspectorate and Health department will only board a type 2 low risk vessel for an investigation.

Article 5 Type 1 vessels

Exchange of documents and samples required for type 1 vessels will only be done by buckets and communication shall only be done via VHF-radio.

Article 6 Persons allowed on type 2 low risk vessels

Persons who are allowed to board type 2 low risk vessels:

- a. Cargo representatives, sample takers from: Emspac, Calebret / Intertech, Petromar, General Maritime.
- b. Persons in charge (PIC), Progressive Enterprise, on the monopile and barge floating hose station.
- c. Pilots to bring the ships in and out.

Article 7 Requirements and restrictions type 2 low risk vessels

1. The amount of persons, the time onboard and the interaction with the crew is to be reduced to the minimum..
2. Boarding time of all persons, with the exceptions of the pilots, is not before 07.00hours and everybody has to leave the vessel before 18.00 hours.
3. Only pilots may go onboard in the dark hours.
4. Docking and undocking, with only the pilots onboard the vessel, is allowed 24/7.
5. No visitors are allowed on the tug boats and the barges.

Article 8 Quarantine

1. Vessels that fall in the category of type2 high risk will be placed under quarantine.
2. During the period of quarantine no one is allowed to go on board the vessel, neither is the captain or any crew member allowed to disembark.

Article 9 Implementation

This regulation goes into effect immediately upon publication.

The government-commissioner April 17 2020

Mr. M.L. van Rij*

Appendix:

- Maritime protocol March 27th, 2020
- Annex Maritime protocol April 6th, 2020
- Annex Maritime protocol April 7th, 2020

* As per article 3 paragraph 2 of the Temporary task neglect Sint Eustatius act



**SINT EUSTATIUS
CARIBISCH NEDERLAND**

St. Eustatius, March 26, 2020

Dear sir/ madam,

On behalf of the Public Entity St. Eustatius, the Harbor Master and Unit Public Health have engaged in consultations with the entire oil storage and shipping sector. Additional protocols have been established with regards to person to person contact and the donning of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) while interacting with vessels other than cargo vessels in our Harbor. The intention of this additional protocol is to minimize contact between the land and ship personnel. The protocol entitled "Corona protocol for vessels other than the cargo vessels coming to city pier" (see attachment) was signed by all relevant parties.

The protocol is approved by the Government Commissioner and added to the Emergency Ordinance Covid-19.

Sincerely,

The Government Commissioner*


Mr. M. L.A. van Rij



The Acting Island Secretary,


Mrs. M. A. Dijkshoorn

Attachment:
Corona Protocol for vessels

*Conform temporary law task neglect Sint Eustatius art 3.2



**DE REGERINGSCOMMISSARIS VAN OPENBAAR LICHAAM
SINT EUSTATIUS**

Handelende als het bestuurscollege*

**BESLUIT VAN 26 MAART 2020
NO. 1**

Betreft : Addendum noodverordening” concerning maritime protocols.”
Gezien : Het advies Unit Publieke Gezondheidszorg, Unit Haven en AJZ
Overwegende : Noodverordening COVID-19
Op voordracht van : De Reg-Commissaris de heer M. van Rij.

HEEFT BESLOTEN

in zijn vergadering bijeen op 26 maart 2020,

Akkoord te gaan met;

* CORONA-protocol voor schepen anders dan vrachtschepen.

*Toevoegen als addendum aan Noodverordening COVID-19.

De Regeringscommissaris*,

De heer M. L.A. van Rij



De Wnd. Eilandsecretaris,

Mevrouw M. A. Dijkshoorn

*Regeringscommissaris handelende ingevolge artikel 3 lid 1 van de Tijdelijke wet taakverwaarlozing Sint Eustatius



Oranjestad, 25 February 2020

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Tumble down Dick Bay
Oranjestad
St. Eustatius

Subject: Health directive Covid-19

Dear sir / madam,

In light of the threat we face from the Covid-19, the public health is issuing the following directives.

All ship handlers need to query the itinerary of personnel coming to the island for crew changes. Any person originating from or travelling through the mainland of China in the past 14 days shall be flagged and reported to the Public health department of St. Eustatius prior to their arrival on the island.

The list of countries that this directive will apply to is subject to change dependent on the developments of the current outbreak. The public health department will keep you abreast of the developments.

The master of the Ship shall, in accordance to the International Health regulations (IHR 2005 art. 37), deliver the Maritime Declaration of Health prior to arrival in our port. We will be paying close attention to the ports the ship visited within the previous thirty days. Furthermore, all crew or passengers that have join the ship within the last thirty days, shall be reported to the port authority in accordance to the above mentioned IHR regulations. These reports are to be conveyed to the harbor master through the usual channels.

The following directives are to anyone (ship handlers, cargo handlers, agents) boarding any ship travelling from international waters, for your own protection and the island:

- Personnel going on board of ships, as an extra precaution, to put on PPE.
- They should avoid meeting with ship crews in closed quarters where ventilation systems might recirculate air. Remaining on deck might be the best option.
- If possible, keep a distance of about two meters from each other.



Frequent washing with soap or sanitizing of hands alcohol is important. Proper sneezing etiquette are paramount to avoid infecting others.

If possible avoid boarding ships or reduce to what is strictly necessary.

The minimum requirements for PPE are N95 or FFp2 mask or respirator, closed eye goggles, gloves (nitril x-long, bio hazard), Hazmat suit.

The wearing of PPE is to protect yourself, your family and the community.

Kind regards,



G.E. Schobbe, public health physician

Corona protocol for vessels other than the cargo vessels coming to the city pier.

There are **two types** of vessels to be defined:

- 1) Ship coming for bunkers only
- 2) Ship coming from an interisland (incl. critical fuel suppliers) or ocean passing voyage

Protocol for type 1 vessels, ships coming for bunkers only:

- 1) Nobody is allowed to board these vessels
- 2) Exchange of papers and samples is done by bucket and communication via VHF

Protocol for type 2 vessels, ship coming from an interisland (incl. critical fuel suppliers) or ocean going voyage:

- 1) Nobody will board the vessel until the Health Department gives the green light
- 2) Pre arrival documents to be assessed by the Harbor
- 3) Vessel will be interviewed by the Harbor (VHF) and extra docs, visitors and medical log, need to be send for assessment
- 4) Health Department will decide if the vessel, depending on the assessment, is a **low** or **high** risk vessel

Protocol for type 2 vessels **low risk**:

1) The Health Department allows the different parties to board the vessel. The minimum protected equipment to be used:

- 1) overall
- 2) goggles
- 3) gloves
- 4) face mask

The equipment to be put on, on deck of the vessel they board and to be taken off and put in a bag before boarding the line boat or return to the jetty




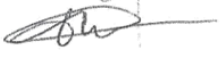


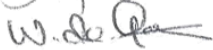












2) The amount of people, the time onboard and the interaction with the crew (at a safe distance) will be brought to the minimum

Protocol for type 2 vessels **high risk**:

1) The Health Department will decide if they will visit the vessel or that the vessel will be quarantined

2) Nobody will board the vessel until the Health Department gives the green light with, if needed, additional more stringent requirements

Tuesday March 24 Corona Protocol for Vessels
Meeting Attendees

| Name | Signature | Company |
|---|---|-----------------------------|
| Richard Prisco |  | GTIS Senior OPS MGR. |
| TERENCE KEOGH |  | GTI MANAGING DIRECTOR |
| Luc van Oost |  | NSI-CN |
| Theo vd Meer |  | Suitzer |
| Ricardo Fortin |  | AmSpec |
| KARREM LOKAI |  | Coloured Vink Limited. |
| WILLIAM DE GANVES |  | GTI SW MANAGER MARINE |
| JOSE TORRES |  | PETROMAR |
| BYRON JAMES |  | PILOT |
| Tina Smith |  | J. Eustatius Port Soc |
| Melvin Panto |  | GTI |
| O'Neil Dombaud |  | PETROMAR INTERNATIONAL |
| GABRIEL GUERRA |  | ROCARGO SERVICES B.V |
| Elliot Good |  | F-SEAS |
| Carlo Grootman |  | seps Agent. |
| RAY DANIEL |  | CALE BREYER |
| Elvio Spanner | | Progressive Enterprises |
|  | | GTI Statia |
| EUSTACE HENRY |  | public Health St. Eustatius |
| Serwin Scholte |  | |

St Eustatius, April 06, 2020

Annex to the "Corona protocol for vessels other than the cargo vessels coming to the city pier" of 26 March 2020
Discussed and agreed in the meeting of 30 March 2020

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Requirements and restrictions:

- 4) Nobody will board a type 2 low risk vessel without: gloves, goggles, coverall and face masks
- 5) The amount of persons, the time onboard and the interaction with the crew to be reduced to the minimum. The safe distance of 1,5 meter to be kept at all times
- 6) Nobody, with the exception from the pilots, goes onboard in the dark hours, this is to make sure that the ship management is awake and vigilant for the visitors to wear their PPE; no PPE is no admission
- 7) That means boarding time of all persons, with the exceptions of the pilots, not before 07.00 and everybody to leave the vessel before 18.00.
- 8) Docking and undocking, with only the pilots onboard the vessel, is allowed 24/7
- 9) Discussed and agreed in two former meetings: no visitors allowed on the tug boats and the barges

Who are no longer allowed to board type 2 low risk vessels:

- 10) Ships agents, bunker masters, jetty dock masters
- 11) The Shipping Inspectorate and Health department will only board a type 2 low risk vessel for an investigation



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