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State / Territory	Date	Source	Details
This weekly bulletin is compiled to give all stakeholders an overview of the current impact of COVID19 on Pacific Shipping activities. It draws on sources from the government, commercial and humanitarian sectors. The bulletin is circulated each Wednesday.			
Overview			
Early May has seen further stabilisation in the shipping services to the Pacific Region. Shipping companies are reporting mixed levels of demand on slightly reduced services. Some delays have been experienced in Solomon Islands and Marshall Islands where quarantine regulations are causing delays to shipping services. In most PICTs cargo vessels and tankers are being considered as essential services and permitted to maintain their schedules while observing strict quarantine conditions.			
No PICs are currently reporting food security issues, or fuel shortages due to interrupted shipping supply, as far as we are aware. Many PICs are reporting high levels of fuel in storage as there is reduced fuel consumption.			
All shipping companies are endeavouring to balance regular schedules with reduced demand. Globally shipping companies are struggling to facilitate crew changes, with many crew having been on board for extended periods of time.			
Singapore Port is favoured regional hub for crew changes with transit facilities and processes being implemented for seafarers. Matson Shipping and Swire have both reduced one ship from the monthly sailing rotation from New Zealand to Pacific Islands. These are temporary measures in response to reduced demand. Services will be reinstated when demand increases.			
There is a global imbalance in container distribution with backlogs of containers being reported in Europe. This is not having a large impact on container availability for the Pacific.			
American Samoa	04-May-20	Radio National NZ	American Samoa's Covid-19 State of Emergency has been extended until 1 June.
Cook Islands	06-May-20	Matson Website/ Cook Island News	Liloa 11 ETA Rarotonga 06/05 ETA Aitutaki 08/05 Island Chief will replace Olomana on the next voyage. A significant downturn in freight volumes to the Pacific will not affect the shipment of goods to the Cook Islands, shipping agents say. Martin Brown of Atlas International Freight said Matson Shipping had temporarily suspended Olomana's operations until such time that freight levels return to normal. For the Cook Islands, cargo vessels Island Chief and Liloa II will cover the country fortnightly. Brown said. "In many ways for the Cooks this is preferable and easier to plan orders with a fortnightly service rather than a gap of 14 days and then a gap of 10 days to the next ship and so on."
Cook Islands	01-May-20	Cook Islands Port Authority	No changes regarding our shipping and COVID 19. Maybe in the next month or two we may be experiencing reduction in cargo volumes for the Cook Islands.
Fiji	28-Apr-20	Punjas (importer & exporter)	No significant impact on imports or exports. Several export to other PICs scheduled for this week.
Fiji	29-Apr-20	Fiji Ports	International container, bulk and tanker vessels arriving in Fiji do not need to observe 14 day quarantine process. Vessels must go to anchor where they are inspected by Ministry of Health before berthing. Fiji Ports is experiencing a reduction in throughput, but no major interruptions to port operations due to COVID19.
French Polynesia	05-May-20	Radio National NZ	Domestic shipping companies say French Government's use of a cargo plane is damaging their business https://www.rnz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/415863/cargo-plane-irks-french-polynesia-shippers
FSM	16-Apr-20	Pohnpei State Gov	3rd Amendment to Constitutional Emergency Order 20-01: 5) (a) No passenger is allowed to disembark in the State of Pohnpei, except crew of commercial airlines, humanitarian support aircraft and vessels, including search and rescue assets, and all cargo vessels and tankers, who may disembark only in the performance of required operational duties within the immediate airport or seaport facility; PROVIDED that they do not come in contact with anyone including airport or seaport personnel per WHO guidelines on COVID19
FSM	06-May-20	FSM Office of the President	The Office of the President of FSM has issued a press release clearing the patrol boat as COVID19 safe. Previously the Govt of Pohnpei had issued an alert. A patrol boat (FSS Independence) carrying 16 crew and 8 passengers originating from Yap via Chuuk arrived in Pohnpei on Friday, May 1 2020.
Guam	27-Apr-20	Customs and Quarantine Authority Guam	While in Port, crews are restricted to the vessel. They will self quarantine onboard. There are instances when the Coast Guard has denied entry of vessels into port. At least one vessel has been denied entry due to COVID 19- MS Westerdam in early February. Crew members are only allowed to disembark and embark if there is a scheduled crew change. Public Health is made aware. Public Health nurses conduct screening and health checks and public health forms are completed prior to any movement. From what is being reported- there are no significant negative impacts to commercial shipping into Guam. Commercial vessel supply chain is intact. However, some orders by local vendors are not met due to high demand- Suppliers not meeting high demand (COVID 19 related supplies).
Guam	05-May-20	Matson Agent in Guam	The Matson Agent in Guam reports that there has been no disruption to shipping services. https://www.guampdn.com/story/money/2020/04/19/no-shipping-supply-disruptions/5142293002/
Kiribati	30-Apr-20	Kyowa Shipping Website	Highland Chief V2008S scheduled for Tarawa 12-13/05
Kiribati	06-May-20	Pacific Direct Line (PDL)	Capitaine Quiros V086 is in Tarawa today 06 May. Once discharge is complete she will then head to Majuro to collect the short landed cargo from the Kota Hakim V428. Capitaine Quiros may also be subject to a quarantine period of 6 days on arrival in Majuro which would further delay her schedule. The Kota Hakim V428 cargo is now expected to discharge in Tarawa on the 17 May
Kiribati	06-May-20	Neptune Pacific Australia	Neptune Pacific will schedule a vessel to call at Christmas (Kirimati) Island in the coming months
Marshall Islands	30-Apr-20	REPUBLIC OF MARSHALL ISLANDS 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATED INTERIM HEALTH TRAVEL ADVISORY & RESTRICTIONS ISSUANCE 12: As of 30 April 2020	* To make sure that we can continue to allow food and supplies to enter the country, all container vessels and fuel tankers are exempt but are strictly required to spend 14 days outside of the RMI after departure and prior to arrival at the RMI Pilot Station. All container vessels and fuel tankers must adhere to the National Disaster Committee approved Standard Operating Procedures-Maritime (SOP). Human-to-human contact is strictly prohibited. * All fishing vessels and carriers are required to spend fourteen (14) days at sea prior to port entry clearance by MoHHS, Ports Authority, MIMRA and Immigration Division, which shall be by electronic means. Transshipment is limited to twenty (20) purse seiners and ten (10) carriers at any one time, and any of these vessels within the transshipment area are subject to Ports Authority coordination of entry and exit, including access to the wharf for provisioning purposes. Fishing Companies are required to produce company policy and/or SOPs in compliance with NDC TA and the Maritime SOP requirements, such as no human to human contact, etc. Said SOPs shall be amended as per updated TA and shall remain in effect unless otherwise revised by Ports Authority, MoHHS, MIMRA and Immigration Division. MIMRA shall provide a list of fishing vessels and carriers for entry purposes. Vessels not on the list, may be subject to appeal to NDC through the Maritime Working Group prior to departure from originating port.
Marshall Islands	01-May-20	IOM	There is the 14 day at sea period for all container vessels prior to arrival in Marshall Islands. It is creating delays and increasing costs, but vendors are working and trying to order as far out as possible and ordering more by APA air (higher cost) right now the companies are absorbing some costs because they don't want to pass to the consumer. Shelves are still fairly stocked. What we will see soon is less selection – and more staples as this is easier to fill containers.
Marshall Islands	02-May-20	Radio National NZ	The Marshall Islands government has extended its ban on all incoming travellers for another month because it regards Covid-19 "a national threat". The new travel advisory also ratcheted up controls on the region's purse seine fishing fleet that used Majuro for transshipment of tuna catches. It limits the number of purse seiners in Majuro lagoon at any one time to 20 and carrier vessels that collect the tuna from the fishing boats to 10.
Marshall Islands	06-May-20	Neptune Pacific Australia	Capitaine Quiros V086N will call to Majuro 08 to 15 May Depending on quarantine requirements
Nauru	01-May-20	Neptune Pacific Agency	Neptune Pacific is the only line to service Nauru and their service is impacted by the 14 day quarantine restriction currently in place. Quarantine period in Marshall Islands also cause delays on this route. Next vessel scheduled is Capitaine Quiros ETA 20-30 May.
Nauru	22-Apr-20	Neptune Pacific Line(NPL) Trade Notice	Nauru - Temporary Quarantine Surcharge (TQS) Neptune Pacific Line (NPL) continues to work with local authorities and customers to ensure, throughout this current COVID – 19 unprecedented trading period, we uphold our regional service levels to service the Pacific Islands. In light of above we have and will continue to review and undertaken following: Adhered as / where required to port, maritime health authorises directive with isolation periods, of up to 14 days from previous port. Adjusted tonnage, schedules and increased ad hoc port call coverage to service demand. Held vessels at ports to enable transshipment connections. Increased vessel speeds thus ensuring critical cargo arrives with minimal downtime. All our crew undertaking COVID-19 tests at ports and during sea voyages. Purchase of additional PPE As a contribution to the significant cost associated with above, with immediate effect for cargo originating in Asia, USA, Australia, New Zealand and Fiji into Nauru, will implement a Temporary Quarantine Surcharge (TQS) of USD 349/tea for both dry and reefer and USD 25/RVT break bulk. Effective from following; Capitaine Quiros v87 eta Suva 30th May NPL undertakes to continually review and update the trade on above position.
New Caledonia	03-May-20	Kenua Agency	There is no disruption in the maritime / provisions import/export supply chain for New Caledonia, and through Noumea port. There are restrictions on foreign crew. Crew of all cargo ships and tankers are being inspected when entering the country. Crew must remain onboard their vessels during their operations in New Caledonia. There are some local tensions and fear from local population towards foreign crew as New Caledonia has been Covid free for 2 weeks already. All international passenger vessels and sails boats are not allowed to enter NC unless they apply for a derogation to the High Commissioner. The French cruise ship, Laperouse is in Noumea under derogation for a lay-up period. The crew have gone through quarantine and been tested twice negative for Covid19. They are still not allowed ashore in Noumea. Laperouse is preparing for the Wallisian mission that will require the crew to be totally involved for a period of 35 days next week.
Niue	28-Apr-20	Frank and Partner Shipping Agent	Niue has not introduced quarantine restrictions for the regular monthly vessel Island Chief , as it is an essential service. Crew are not permitted ashore and the vessel must provide a medical certificate for all crew before arrival. This voyage V004, has 36TEU for Niue which is less than usual loads. It included 15 tank-tainers of fuel. Previous voyage V003 delivered 60TEU on 1/04/20
Palau	01-May-20	President's Office	MPIC shall continue to restrict the entry of cruise ships into any Palau port until June 30, 2020. No cruise ship shall be allowed to enter unless the captain submits satisfactory proof that it has not called in any COVID19 affected area, and that none of its passengers originated from or transits through any affected area within 14 days of boarding the vessel
Papua New Guinea	May/June	Pacific Forum Line (PFL)	Blank sailing on the MV. Mount Cameron 2008N voyage, due to severe reduction in demand associated with the various lockdown restrictions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. All affected cargo from MV. Mount Cameron 2008N will be transferred to the Shansi v 2009N. To minimize delays of essential cargo arrival into Papua New Guinea region, vessel operator will severely advance the dates for MV. Shansi 2009N to minimize delivery delays and gaps as much as possible.

Papua New Guinea	27-Apr-20	PNG Customs	14 day quarantine since last port imposed on international vessels. Exceptions have been granted to vessels carrying essential cargos.
Papua New Guinea	21-Apr-20	BIMCO website	Advise that all international ships' first port of call will be the four listed below: 1. Port of Port Moresby 2. Port of Lae 3. Port of Madang, and 4. Port of Rabaul. There will be no shore leave by crew of all international vessels and voyage calling into all PNG Ports and port facilities. There will be a suspension of crew change in all PNG ports facilities for foreign crew. No crew is allowed on the quayside of PNG port facilities. No personnel from the portside are allowed on board any international vessel apart from those performing statutory function and relevant stevedores who must be in PPE. All statutory function undertaken by receiving PNG port personnel should be done strictly with the PNG Department of Health guideline and appropriate PPE. All cruise vessels and super yacht and any passenger movement via any sea craft are banned from entering any PNG port or port facilities. All log ships and log ponds must sign a Declaration of Security (DoS) for loading at the log ponds, including port facilities occasioning used for serving international vessels. Contactless stevedoring including segregation of ship's crew and shore personnel during loading and unloading must be strictly observed. All shipping documents must be electronically dispatched where possible. Any person on any vessel who decides to disembark will have to undergo a 14 day mandatory quarantine in a facility nominated by the Controller. PNG port facilities cover PNG Ports Corporation Limited (PNGPCL) ISPS Port facilities, Private ISPS Port Facilities and facilities occasionally serving international vessels under a Declaration of Security (DoS). Deliberate failure to comply with this Direction and Notice is a breach of this regulation and can warrant a fine of up to K50,000.00 for individuals and up to K500,000.00 for companies or jail time for offending individuals.
Pitcairn	28-Apr-20	Administrator of Pitcairn	The Silver Supporter is currently travelling exclusively between New Zealand and Pitcairn, approximately every 2-3 months. It carries only supplies for Pitcairn and essential personnel & residents. The Government of Pitcairn Islands has also implemented its own COVID-19 Management Protocols. As of March 12th, 2020 all passenger services to Pitcairn Island are suspended until further notice. This will be reviewed on a month by month basis.
Samoa		Matson Website	Lilao 11 ETA Apia 04/05 Olomana ETA Apia 11/05
Samoa	05-May-20	National Emergency Operations Centre Samoa Sitrep #10	12 Vessels arrived into the country from the 19th April 2020 - 28th April 2020 * 4 Container Vessel * 1 Charter Vessel * 4 Cargo/Passenger Vessel * 3 Fishing Vessel. All vessels were granted health clearance. A chartered vessel (Double Barrel) from Pago Pago arrived in Apia (Matautu Wharf) on Tuesday 21st of April 2020 at 1045hrs for the shipment of 6 Nitrous Oxide and 16 Oxygen cylinders for MOH. Facilitated by Samoa-MFAT, the bilateral agreement between Samoa and American Samoa was gauged as well as Cabinet approval for this vessel to enter our shores during S.O.E period. As of 27th April, 2020, the petroleum products is confirmed enough to cover the demand for 2 months. * The daily usage of all fuel products continues to be slow especially jet fuel(Kero) due to the continuing suspension of flights.
Solomon Islands	29-Apr-20	Solomon Island Govt Sea cargo clearance protocol. Updated 28 April 2020 v2.1	All international vessels entering Solomon Islands are subject to a 14 day quarantine period either at sea or at anchor. Urgent cargo shipments may be exempted. Possible Exemptions to 14 day quarantine: In determining whether cargo is urgent, the Steering Committee may take into consideration issues such as the immediate need for specialised importations of fuel, food, medical supplies, equipment, foreign aid, etc., as detailed on the cargo manifest. Each shipment shall be assessed individually each time the vessel reports – this means one approval for early clearance does not automatically mean the vessel will be cleared early for subsequent voyages. In each case, it depends on the nature of the cargo, the urgency of need for the at that time, and the voyage route and timing of vessel arrival. http://www.customs.gov.sb/files/Shipping%20Cargo%20Protocol%2028Apr%20v2.1.pdf
Solomon Islands	03-May-20	Solomon Island Star	The Premier of the Western Province (WP) David Lani Gina has expressed big disappointment over why responsible authorities has seen it right to allow a Maersk Container liner, Conship-Way to dock at Noro port amid ongoing concern over the global COVID-19 pandemic. https://solomonstarnews.com/index.php/news/national/item/23414-gina-wants-shipping-liner-halted
Solomon Islands	05-May-20	Tradco Shipping Agent	Solomon Islands re-introduced 14 day quarantine period for all vessels entering SI. This may be reduced to 6 days on a case-by-case basis. The lack of certainty is causing disruptions to shipping routes.
Tokelau	04-May-20	Govt of Tokelau	Regular cargo voyages Kalopaga V075 from Apia, Samoa to Atafu/Nukunonu/Fakaofu/Apia ,Tokelau .2-8 May. No passengers
Tonga	17-Apr-20	US Embassy Website	International flights and vessels entering Tonga are required to use Tongatapu as the first port of entry for border screening before traveling to outer islands. Tonga has banned the arrival of cruise ships and yachts into the country until further notice.
Tuvalu	01-May-20	PDL Schedule	Capitaine Wallis called to Tuvalu as scheduled 01 May, and sailed to Wallis and Futuna. Next vessel due Capitaine Wallis V351 17/18 May
Vanuatu	03-May-20	Tropical Shipping Agency	All vessels calling Vanuatu must have a medical clearance from the previous port, further on arrival vessels must complete another medical check prior to approval to berth from Gov Vanuatu., if a vessel is on a scheduled service to Santo they must first call Port Vila to complete inward clearance and medical check prior to getting approval from Gov Van for the vessel to proceed to Santo.
Vanuatu	30-Apr-20	Vanuatu NDMO	Temporary Lockdown of the island of Malekula has been lifted. The Filipino copra vessel <i>Eastern Amazon</i> , which visited the island of Malekula and triggered a lockdown, has been cleared of Carona Virus.
Vanuatu	05-May-20	John Tonner, South Sea Shipping and Business Resilience Council	International shipping remains on schedule, though volumes are down. Domestic shipping is supporting the limited aid available for distribution post TC Harold. There is no discussion about the return of cruise ships as yet.
Wallis and Futuna	05-May-20	Radio National NZ/ AIS data	The French cruise ship Le Lapereuse will be used to carry people to Wallis and Futuna who are now stranded in New Caledonia. Wallis and Futuna closed its borders to passenger flights in mid-March and had remained free of the virus. The cruise ship is scheduled to make the first of two journeys from Noumea to Wallis on 6 May. Not yet departed New Caledonia, according to AIS data (06 May)
Shipping Line	Date	Source	Details
ANL	05-May-20	ANL Melbourne	Last week we have seen Solomon Islands Govt change quarantine period for vessels which is causing serious issues and will see shipping lines introduce cost recovery charges to recover these delays. ANL is working on finalising this figure but expect it to be around USD 300 / TEU
Matson	28-Apr-20	Matson NZ	Matson NZ announced a reduction in their services from New Zealand to Pacific Islands. There will now be 2 vessels/month rather than 3 vessels/month. Service to Cook Islands will remain 2/month. Service to Niue will remain 1/month. Service to Fiji, Tonga, Samoa and American Samoa will be reduced.
Matson	28-Apr-20	Matson Guam	Services continue in PSM and Marshall Islands. Marshall Islands have imposed 14 day at sea quarantine period on all vessels coming from all ports. This has meant that there have been considerable delays in the schedule. Matson is not changing their routes or reducing services at this point. However, these delays are having a roll-on effect on other ports on the route.
Neptune Pacific / PDL	06-May-20	Neptune Pacific Australia	The vessel Southern Lily was delayed in the Port of Honiara, Solomon Islands. Neptune Pacific has no vessels currently scheduled to call to Solomon Islands. The Mariana Express Line (MEL) may be used for transshipments to Solomon Islands via Fiji.
Port of Auckland	Daily	Port of Auckland Website	Daily updates of port facilities and operations in Port of Auckland. This week moved from Category 4 to Category 3 restrictions. http://www.poal.co.nz/media/customer-advisories
Swire	24-Mar-20	Swire Webinar	This webinar gives an insight into the impacts of COVID19 on the shipping industry from a shipping company perspective https://player.vimeo.com/video/400179720
Swire	30-Apr-20	Swire website	Swire Shipping's wishes to advise to changes on its New Zealand to Pacific Islands service. From May onwards, one vessel will be removed from the service and the frequency reduced from every 9 days to fortnightly. These changes have become necessary as a result of lower cargo demand and the economic impact of COVID-19. Swire Shipping will continue to be in contact with our customer base on a regular basis over the next few weeks to monitor cargo demand to and from the Pacific Islands to ensure that sufficient capacity remains available and is scaled up as necessary.
General Update	Date	Source	Details
Second COVID19 shipment facilitated by Pacific Humanitarian Pathway	24-Apr-20	Pacific Islands Forum Leaders	https://www.forumsec.org/first-delivery-of-medical-supplies-arrives-through-the-pacific-humanitarian-pathway-on-covid-19/ https://www.forumsec.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/FAQs-on-the-Pacific-Humanitarian-Pathway-on-COVID-19.pdf
OCO assist in Pacific Humanitarian Pathway	04-May-20	Oceania Customs Organisation Secretariat	The OCO is currently assisting the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat in response to the Covid-19 pandemic with its Pacific Humanitarian Pathway designed to enable medical and humanitarian relief to flow, we are working in conjunction with the Pacific Islands Development Community on immigration issues as part of this response. These activities will not override national actions but support it. https://www.ocosec.org/oco-covid-19-information/
Various publications and circulars	27-Apr-20	International Maritime Organisation	http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx
ICS COVID-19 Guidance	07-Mar-20	International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)	https://www.ics-shipping.org/docs/default-source/resources/coronavirus-(covid-19)-guidance-for-ship-operators-for-the-protection-of-the-health-of-seafarers.pdf?sfvrsn=6
ICS push for Crew Change	15-Apr-20	International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) and The International Air Transport Association (IATA)	http://www.ics-shipping.org/news/press-releases/2020/04/15/iata-and-ics-governments-must-facilitate-ship-crew-changes
Advice on Crew Issues, Charter Parties & Regulatory Matters	05-May-20	BIMCO website	https://www.bimco.org/covid19
UNCTAD Booklet	01-Apr-20	UNCTAD	UNCTAD produced a booklet on how Asycuda (Automated System for Customs Data) can assist in COVID19 shipping processes https://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/dtlasyucudainf2020d1_en.pdf