This weekly bulletin is compiled to give all stakeholders an overview of the current impact of COVID-19 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.

Shipping companies are currently reporting food security issues, or fuel shortages due to interrupted shipping supply, as far as we are aware. Many PICTs 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. Matson Shipping and Saint have both reduced one ship from the monthly sailings 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.

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<th>State / Territory</th>
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<td>American Samoa</td>
<td>04-May-20</td>
<td>Radio NZ</td>
<td>American Samoa’s Covid-19 State of Emergency has been extended until 1 June.</td>
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<td>Cook Islands</td>
<td>05-May-20</td>
<td>Matson Website</td>
<td>Cook Island News July 21 ETA Fantasy/SSS ETA Aratua (2018). ‘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 Pacific Freight agent Max Shipping had temporarily suspended Olomana’s operations until such time that freight levels return to normal. For the Cook Islands, cargo vessel Island Chief and Island 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 gap of 14 days and then a gap of 10 days to the next ship and on.”</td>
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<td>Fiji</td>
<td>28-Apr-20</td>
<td>Purser (operator &amp; express)</td>
<td>No significant impact on imports or exports. Several vessels from other PCCs scheduled for this week.</td>
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<td>French Polynesia</td>
<td>05-May-20</td>
<td>Radio NZ</td>
<td>Domestic shipping companies say French Government’s use of a cargo plane is damaging their business. [<a href="https://www.radioNZ.co.nz/454812/cargo-plane-irks-french-polynesia-shippers">https://www.radioNZ.co.nz/454812/cargo-plane-irks-french-polynesia-shippers</a>]</td>
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<td>FSM</td>
<td>16-Apr-20</td>
<td>Polynesian State Gov</td>
<td>The Office of the President of FSM has issued a press release clearing the patrol boat as COVID19 safe. Previous the Gok of Majuro had issued a press alert. A patrol boat (FFS Independence) carrying 16 crew and passengers originating from Yap via Chuuk arrived in Pohnpei on Friday, May 1 2020.</td>
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<td>Guam</td>
<td>27-Apr-20</td>
<td>Customs and Quarantine Authority Guam</td>
<td>While in Port, crew are restricted to the vessel. They will still quarantine onboard. There are instances when the Coast Guard has denied entry of vessels into port. At best one vessel has been denied entry due to COVID-19. MS Westminster in early May. 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 local nor import quarantine regulations to commercial shipping into Guam. Commerical vessel supply chain is intact. However, some local orders by vendors are not due to high demand. Suppliers not meeting high demand (COVID19 related supplies).</td>
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<td>Kiribati</td>
<td>30-Apr-20</td>
<td>反腐 Shipping Website</td>
<td>Captainite Quino / VSBN is Tarawa today 06 May. One discharge is complete she will then head to Majuro to collect the short landed cargo from the Fasum Helme. V428. Captainite Quino may also be subject to a quarantine period of 6 days on arrival in Majuro which would further delay her schedule. The Fasum Helme V428 is now expected to discharge in Tarawa on the 17 May.</td>
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<td>Neptune Pacific will schedule a vessel to call at Christmas (Kiritimati) in the coming months.</td>
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<td>IOM</td>
<td>There is the 14 day sea period for all container vessels prior to arrival in Marshall Islands. It is creating delays and increasing costs, but vendors are working with it as far as possible and offering more by APA air freight (higher cost) rather than waiting for the companies are absorbing all costs into the vessel.</td>
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<td>The Marshall Islands government has extended to allow an in coming travel 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 transhipment of tuna catches. It limits the number of purse seiners in Majuro Lagoon at any one time to 10 and carrier vessels to 20. There are restrictions on the number of transfers per vessel. The new travel advisory also reduced health checks at the airport</td>
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| Papua New Guinea  | 05/June | Pacific Forum Line (PFL) | Black 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 Pfl will be transferred to the Shansi 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. 

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**Papua New Guinea**

27-Apr-20 PNG Customs

Details on the new arrangements for the PNG port facilities and international vessels.

- **1. Port of Port Moresby**
  - 2. Port of Lae
  - 3. Port of Madang
  - 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. All crew members of the international vessels must have the latest International Health Certificates issued by PNG authorities.

**Notes:**
- **International vessels**
- **Mode of transportation**
- **Contactless stevedoring**
- **Isolation**

**Samoan**

28-Apr-20 Samoan Customs

Details of the new regulations for ships entering into Samoa.

**Note:**
- **International vessels**
- **Isolation**
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**Solomon Islands**

29-Apr-20 Solomon Island Customs

Details on the new regulations for ships entering into Solomon Islands.

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**Vanuatu**

28-Apr-20 Vanuatu Customs

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**Fiji**

28-Apr-20 Fiji Customs

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**Other Countries**

- **Samoa**
- **Solomon Islands**
- **Vanuatu**
- **Fiji**

**General Update**

- **Second COVID19 shipment facilitated by Pacific Pathways**
- **COVID19**
- **Declaration of Security (DoS)**
- **Pathways**
- **Advise on Crew Issues, Charter Part. & Regulatory Matters**
- **UNCTAD Booklet**

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24-Apr-20 Pacific Islands Forum Leaders


**Notes:**
- **International vessels**
- **Isolation**
- **Isolation**

**Q&A**

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**UNCTAD Booklet**

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