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 government, commercial and humanitarian sectors. The bulletin is circulated each Thursday.

Auckland has reverted to Stage 3 COVID19 restrictions. This is not expected to have a negative impact on the Port of Auckland and shipping services to the Pacific. Matson NZ have announced a return to their three- vessel schedule with an eleven day frequency, commencing August 24. Matson has temporally reduced services due to the impact of COVID19.

The global shipping industry shows strong returns in 2nd quarter 2020. Difficulties in facilitating crew change continue to be one of the most pressing issues facing the global shipping industry. This has generated additional complications and costs for shipping companies. Limited crew changes are being conducted in Fiji and New Zealand. Globally there is a huge backlog of ships’ crew who have either completed their contracts on board or are onshore waiting to join ships. No PCTs are currently reporting food security issues, or fuel shortages due to interrupted shipping supply, as far as we are aware.

**State / Territory** | **Date** | **Source** | **Details**
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Cook Islands | 19-Aug-20 | Cook Islands Port Authority | Diloimena V12 ETA Rarotonga 23 August, Aitutaki 26 August.
| 23-Jul-20 | Cook Islands Port Authority | Rarotonga and Aitutaki continue to receive 2 international cargo vessels per month with steady cargo volumes. Outer islands are well serviced by the domestic fleet. Kaoa’s voyage to the northern group from Hawaii has been declined by the border agencies and the Ministry of Transport due COVID19. Cook Islands will keep their borders closed until at least 30 September.
| 04-Aug-20 | Government of FSM | Comprehensive guidelines for COVID19 management including points of entry procedures.
| 11-Aug-20 | Wilhelmsen Website | Port of Guam is providing regular COVID19 related updates via this link. https://ports.guam.com/COVID19-guidelines-and-information
| 19-Aug-20 | Mariana Express Line (MELL) Schedule | The East Micronesia Service (EMS) will make calls to Kosrae based on inducement on alternate voyages, until the end of the year. The Majuro South Pacific Service (MSP) service has resumed the regular rotation to call LMK - KSA - PNI, now that Marshall island quarantine restrictions have eased.
| 22-Jul-20 | Mariana Express Line (MELL) Schedule | the cargo movements to the outer islands is not affected by the Government’s health travel advisory. The local vessels continue to serve the outer islands as normal.
| 22-Jul-20 | Mariana Express Line (MELL) Schedule | MELL will omit Tarawa from Majuro South Pacific (MSP) schedule until March 2021.
| 03-Aug-20 | RMI Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade Press Release | The government of ROC (Taiwan) has donated two coastal, multi-purpose patrol boats to the government or RMI. The boats are expected to be delivered in late September or early October.
| 03-Aug-20 | Kyowa Shipping | The 14 days since previous port condition is now imposed if there has been a crew change.
| 09-Aug-20 | Mariana Express Line (MELL) Schedule | The Majuro South Pacific Service (MSP) service have resumed the regular rotation to call LMK - KSA - PNI, now that Marshall island quarantine restrictions have eased.
| 11-Aug-20 | PDL Schedule/Motion Schedule | ContaineQuoines VBMN. Nauru ETA 24 August 03 03 September.
| 14-Jul-20 | Neptune Pacific Line(NPL) Trade Notice | Nauru - Removal of Temporary Quarantine Surcharge (TQS) The temporary quarantine surcharge of USD 349/teu announced on 22nd April will be suspended, effective on cargo loading on the Capitaine Quiros.
| 28-Jul-20 | Kenau Shipping Agency | Slight decrease in volumes of imports/exports, but nilslot export keeps the market stable. Number of vessel calls remains stable. Crew change is permitted, but is limited by available seats and destinations of flights to and from New Caledonia. Border closure has been extended until 24 October.
| 29-Aug-20 | Matson Schedule | Matson Shipping is servicing Nieu monthly. Diloimena replaces Island Chief to 3 August. Two vessels will call at Nieu during the month of August. Diloimena V122 will call to Nieu ETA 23 August. Island Chief V20 will call to Nieu ETA 29 August.
| 01-Aug-20 | PAN | The temporary quarantine surcharge of USD 349/teu announced on 22nd April will be suspended, effective on cargo loading on the Capitaine Quiros.

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Papua New Guinea
28-Jul-20
PNG Ports Corporation
Port Moresby is reporting normal levels of shipping activity and is not experiencing congestion due to COVID-19. Crew change and shore leave are not permitted in PNG. The Port of Law is not reporting any congestion caused by COVID19. Vessels are not currently required to quarantine before entering port. Cargo volumes and vessel calls are down slightly compared to 2019 due to a number of factors including availability of foreign exchange. Also volumes were down slightly pre-COVID-19, so decline cannot be solely attributed to COVID-19.

Solomon Islands
14-Aug-20
Solomon Islands/Koya Shipping
The majority of vessels calling to Solomon Islands have a port in Papua New Guinea as the previous port. Solomon Island authorities are watching in the COVID19 situation in PNG closely. Currently there have been no changes to the 3 tier quarantine regime and exemption process as shown below.

Solomon Islands
14-May-20
Solomon Island Govt
Sea cargo clearance protocol. Updated 12 May 2020 v1
Foreign cargo Vessel Quarantine Protocol: Fourteen (14) clear days at sea or a combination at sea and at a port in the Solomon Islands. Unless: (a) if the last port of call is from a country designated in Tier 1 - Five (5) clear days or (b) if the last port of call is from a country designated in Tier 2 – Nine (9) clear days or (c) if the last port of call is from a country designated in Tier 3 - Fourteen (14) clear days.

Tonga
12-Aug-20
Marine and Port Services Tuvalu
The 3 day quarantine period is still enforced and no change as so far. As for the cargo vessel, there is only one container vessel bringing cargoes to Tuvalu and that is The Captain Wallis. There is no other cargo vessel apart from Captain Wallis bringing cargoes to Tuvalu unless chartered boats (Fiji/Bangladesh) which brings project materials to Tuvalu. The turnaround time for the Container vessel usually takes 1-4 weeks. Until now, there is no change in volume of cargo which could be attributed to the impact of COVID19.

Tuvalu
30-Aug-20
PDL Schedule
To ensure all cargo booked to Central Pacific ports is delivered in August, Captain Wallis schedule will be adjusted as follows:

Vatuatu
12-Aug-20
Vatuatu Daily Post
The Vatuatu State of Emergency invoked for Tropical Cyclone Harold has ended on 09 August and will not be extended. The State of Emergency for COVID19 remains in place until 31 December 2020.

Shipping Lines and Other Sources
28-Aug-20
PDL Schedule
The Vanuatu State of Emergency invoked for Tropical Cyclone Harold has ended on 09 August and will not be extended. The State of Emergency for COVID19 remains in place until 31 December 2020.

Marina Express Lines (MELI)
13-Aug-20
MELI Schedule
The Majuro South Pacific (MSP) service will alter rotation to call LTK - KSA - MMN - PNG to shorten the quarantine period at Majuro. MELI vessels servicing Solomon Islands and PNG will now call Honiara, S.I before PNG to accommodate quarantine restrictions. The Micronesia Express service will omit the port of Shelukou until further notice owing to the 2019-nCoV issue. The East Micronesia Service (EMS) will make calls to Korea based on reloads at anchorage only.

Matson
10-Jul-20
Matson NZ
NZS Sailing Schedule Adjustments – Return to Three Vessel Service - With New Zealand at Alert Level 1 and the South Pacific Island Nations we serve primarily COVID-19 free, Matson will return to a three vessel NZX service starting on 14 August. Departures from Auckland will be every 11 days starting with the Island Chief 008.

Neptune Pacific
02-Jun-20
Neptune Pacific Australia
While the reduction in the number of sailings coupled with the lower fuel price is making a material difference in operating costs, we also need to implement a modest rate increase on the NZ-Fiji and Australia-Fiji services. The net impact is that the current freight costs applicable in May and June will have a net increase of US$100/TEU effective from the Kokopo Chief V25 sailing from Melbourne on the 5th July and the Captain Taoman V22 sailing from Tauranga on the 1st August.

Neptune Pacific Line(NPL)
14-Jul-20
Neptune Pacific Line (NPL) Trade Notice
The temporary quarantine surcharge of USD 349/teu announced on 22nd April will be suspended, effective on cargo loading on the Captain Quiros V89N.

Pacific Direct Line (PDL)
10-Aug-20
PDL Trade Notice
Captain Dampier V710 calling Nuku’alofa. We wish to advise that we will still be strongly monitoring cargo lines on this trade and ensuring that we restrict supply with demand by introducing Nuku’alofa calls on the Captain Dampier as the trade requires and continuing to provide premium transit times. For this reason we also have Captain Dampier V727 scheduled to call Nuku’alofa in support of Southern Trader V481.

Wilhelmsen
14-Aug-20
Wilhelmsen Website
Updates on national requirements for crew change. This list does not yet include any Pacific nations other than New Zealand and some Australian ports.

General Update
20-Aug-20
International Maritime Organisation (IMO) COVID19 updates
https://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/News/Topics/Coronavirus.aspx

Global shipping returning profits in 2nd quarter 2020
20-Aug-20
JOC Maritime News
A.P. Moller-Maersk joined its peers in shrugging off falling revenue and a sharp decline in second-quarter volume, matching the drop in demand with capacity cuts to keep rates up and costs down, and leading the carrier to a highly profitable interim result. The two European lines follow other carriers in reporting strong year-over-year improvements, with the ability of the shipping companies to rapidly adjust and control capacity in an uncertain demand environment the common thread.

Investigation into P&I Club insurance cover for quarantine and seafarers' rights
18-Aug-20
Human Rights at Sea

Seafarers' Happiness Study
2nd quarter 2020
Mission to Seafarers