

Shipping Operations Updated 5 January 2021

State / Territory	Date	Source	Details
<p>This 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 will now be circulated monthly.</p> <p>Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UN General Assembly Resolution calls for seafarer key worker designation and implementation of crew change protocols; IMO Secretary-General urges priority vaccination.</li> <li>Charterers' "no crew change" clauses aggravate the ongoing crew change crisis and further threaten safety of navigation, says IMO Secretary-General.</li> <li>Requirements, restrictions, rules and policies affecting the maritime industry at Australian ports.</li> <li>Difficulties in facilitating crew change continues 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, Guam, Australia and New Zealand.</li> </ul>			
American Samoa	14-Dec-20	Pacific Freight Management	<a href="https://www.pacificfreightmanagement.co.nz/schedule/pago-pago/2020-12-14/">https://www.pacificfreightmanagement.co.nz/schedule/pago-pago/2020-12-14/</a>
	22-Dec-20	Radio New Zealand	<a href="#">Covid-19 positive sailor in American Samoa port</a>
Australia	01-Dec-20	Shipping Australia Limited	Covid-19 – Shipping Update Requirements, restrictions, rules and policies affecting the maritime industry at Australian ports. <a href="https://shippingaustralia.com.au/covid-19-shipping-update/">https://shippingaustralia.com.au/covid-19-shipping-update/</a>
Cook Islands	01-Dec-20	Pacific Freight Management	<a href="#">Shipping schedule</a> <a href="https://www.pacificfreightmanagement.co.nz/schedule/">https://www.pacificfreightmanagement.co.nz/schedule/</a>
Fiji	11-Dec-20	RNZ	Two sailors who arrived in Fiji by freighter test positive for Covid-19, active cases hit 11. <a href="https://www.rnz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/432283/two-sailors-who-arrived-in-fiji-by-freighter-test-positive-for-covid-19-active-cases-hit-11">https://www.rnz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/432283/two-sailors-who-arrived-in-fiji-by-freighter-test-positive-for-covid-19-active-cases-hit-11</a>
	09-Dec-20	RNZ	21 people linked to freighter cleared of Covid-19 in Fiji. <a href="https://www.rnz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/432455/21-people-linked-to-freighter-cleared-of-covid-19-in-fiji">https://www.rnz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/432455/21-people-linked-to-freighter-cleared-of-covid-19-in-fiji</a>
Guam	14-Dec-20	Port of Guam	Port of Guam is providing regular COVID19 related updates via this link. <a href="https://portofguam.com/covid-19-guidelines-and-information">https://portofguam.com/covid-19-guidelines-and-information</a>
	23-Dec-20	Matson Shipping Schedules	<a href="https://www.matson.com/matnav/services/south_pacific_Schedules.html">https://www.matson.com/matnav/services/south_pacific_Schedules.html</a>
Marshalls	14-Dec-20	International Registries	<a href="https://www.register-iri.com/covid-19/">https://www.register-iri.com/covid-19/</a>
Nauru	14-Dec-20	Nauru Shipping Line	Nauru is serviced by a regular monthly liner service by Nauru Shipping Line (NSL) who operate a 364 teu 3838GT container ship. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Nauru-Shipping-Line-112240647239674/">https://www.facebook.com/Nauru-Shipping-Line-112240647239674/</a>
Nuie	14-Dec-20	Tropicana Nuie	<a href="https://www.tropicानीue.nu/boat-schedule.html">https://www.tropicानीue.nu/boat-schedule.html</a>
New Zealand	11-Dec-20	Radio New Zealand	Shipping lines bypassing NZ may delay deliveries. <a href="https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/business/429428/shipping-lines-bypassing-nz-may-delay-deliveries">https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/business/429428/shipping-lines-bypassing-nz-may-delay-deliveries</a>
	27-Dec-20	Cubic.co.nz	Why can't we get things to New Zealand? <a href="http://cubic.co.nz/explainer-why-cant-we-get-things-to-new-zealand/">http://cubic.co.nz/explainer-why-cant-we-get-things-to-new-zealand/</a>
Pitcairn Island	22-Dec-20	Visit Pitcairn Island	Pitcairn Islands Revise Shipping Service for 2021 As the Coronavirus pandemic continues to surge around the globe, the Government of the remote Pitcairn Islands has maintained a judicious and cautious approach to its border control in order to protect its approximately 50 inhabitants. Moving forward, the Pitcairn government is intent on keeping the island healthy, safe, and one of the few COVID-free territories in the world. Since the onset of the Coronavirus pandemic, keeping Pitcairn's remote population safe has been the top priority. The Government of Pitcairn Islands quickly established its COVID-19 Management Protocols and continues to strictly control its borders. <a href="https://www.visitpitcairn.pn/news/">https://www.visitpitcairn.pn/news/</a>
Tuvalu	20-Dec-20	World Bank	<a href="https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2018/12/18/critical-investments-for-safer-more-reliable-ports-in-tuvalu">https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2018/12/18/critical-investments-for-safer-more-reliable-ports-in-tuvalu</a>
Vanuatu	12-Dec-20	Austrade.gov.au	Vanuatu – Freight costs have increased substantially, with the cost of sea freight increasing by 30%, and of air freight costs increasing by 150–300%.
Shipping Lines	Date	Marine Link	Details
Neptune Pacific	22-Dec-20	Neptune Pacific Trade Notice	<a href="https://www.pdl123.co.nz/schedules/">https://www.pdl123.co.nz/schedules/</a>
Matson	22-Dec-20	Matson Shipping Schedules	<a href="https://www.matson.com/matnav/services/south_pacific_Schedules.html">https://www.matson.com/matnav/services/south_pacific_Schedules.html</a>
Pacific Freight Management	22-Dec-20	PFM Schedules	<a href="https://www.pacificfreightmanagement.co.nz/schedule/">https://www.pacificfreightmanagement.co.nz/schedule/</a>
Pacific Forum Lines	22-Dec-20	Pacificforumline.com	<a href="https://www.pacificforumline.com/schedules/">https://www.pacificforumline.com/schedules/</a>
Pacific Direct Lines	22-Nov-20	PDL new Zealand	<a href="https://www.pdl123.co.nz/schedules/">https://www.pdl123.co.nz/schedules/</a>
Swire Shipping Schedules	22-Dec-20	Swire Shipping	<a href="https://info.swireshipping.com/">https://info.swireshipping.com/</a>
General Update	Date	Source	Details
IMO Secretary-General Kitack Lim has spoken out against "no crew change" clauses in charterparties, pointing out that such clauses exacerbate the dire situation of stranded seafarers and undermine the efforts undertaken to resolve the ongoing crew change crisis.	23-Dec-20	International Maritime Organisation	<a href="https://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/pages/46-no-crew-change-clause.aspx">https://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/pages/46-no-crew-change-clause.aspx</a>
UN General Assembly Resolution calls for seafarer key worker designation and implementation of crew change protocols; IMO Secretary-General urges priority vaccination.	01-Dec-20	International Maritime Organisation	<a href="#">The United Nations General Assembly has called on UN Member States to designate seafarers and other marine personnel as key workers and to implement relevant measures to allow stranded seafarers to be repatriated and others to join ships, and to ensure access to medical care.</a>
Covid-19 Health risks to Seafarers	06-Nov-20	Safety4Sea	<a href="https://safety4sea.com/report-explores-covid-19-direct-health-risks-to-seafarers/">https://safety4sea.com/report-explores-covid-19-direct-health-risks-to-seafarers/</a> <a href="#">Bottlenecks Wear Down World Economy's Fleet of Container Ships – gCaptain</a>
Bottlenecks Wear Down World Economy's Fleet of Container Ships. Container shipping, the backbone of the global trading system, is showing signs of fatigue as the pandemic descends into its darkest days.	22-Dec-20	G-Captain	<a href="#">Carriers reaping the biggest profits in at least a decade are struggling to operate reliably as bottlenecks worsen around ports from southern England to Shanghai, contorting supply chains for everything from car parts to cosmetics and medical equipment.</a>  <a href="#">Just 50.1% of container vessels arrived on time in November, down from 80% a year earlier and the lowest level in records dating back to 2011, according to a service reliability index compiled by Copenhagen-based Sea-Intelligence. From Asia to North America, on-time arrivals dropped below 30%, less than half the long-run average globally.</a>
COVID-19 cuts global maritime trade, transforms industry	12-Nov-20	UNCTAD	The pandemic has sent shockwaves through global maritime transport and laid the foundations for a transformed industry and associated supply chains. UNCTAD expects a return to growth in 2021 Global maritime trade will plunge by 4.1% in 2020 due to the unprecedented disruption caused by COVID-19, UNCTAD estimates in its Review of Maritime Transport 2020, released on 12 November. <a href="https://unctad.org/news/covid-19-cuts-global-maritime-trade-transforms-industry">https://unctad.org/news/covid-19-cuts-global-maritime-trade-transforms-industry</a>