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

Overview

Maritime workers have returned to work in Port Botany. This will ease port congestion and shipping delays. Rolling industrial action has exacerbated the regional imbalance of empty containers. Asian load ports, particularly in Vietnam are facing a shortage of empty containers.

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 back-log of ships' crew who have either completed their contracts on board or are onshore waiting to join ships. The International Maritime Organisation (IMO) requests raising the issue of seafarers and the crew change crisis during the upcoming high-level week of the 75th session of the United Nations General Assembly beginning on 22 September 2020. ILO, IMO and the UN Global Compact are organizing a side event during that week, to raise the visibility of the crew change crisis.

<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Pages/FAQ-on-crew-changes-and-repatriation-of-seafarers.aspx>

No PICTs 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
American Samoa	August Update	American Samoa Port Administration	The maritime borders are only open to cargo, tankers, and fishing vessels that support the local tuna canneries. Cargo and stevedoring operations continue, with vessel crews having minimal-to-no contact with local clearance parties and stevedoring crews. The Port of Pago Pago has adopted a No-Contact policy for all vessel clearances however, Harbor Pilots continue to board and guide vessels into port but under strict health and safety rules/procedures for both the pilots and crews. Public Health monitors the stevedoring and Pilots on a continuous basis. Cargo volumes remained steady in the beginning of the year during the onset of COVID-19 and in this past quarter, the Port experienced a 15-per cent increase in cargo/container volume. This can be attributed to the increase in spending power from the recent distribution of U.S. stimulus funds, whereas local businesses, shops and stores are ordering more to keep up with demand. With the increase of containerized volume, the container yard has reached its capacity and excess empties are being stored off site. The challenge with that is the ability to get the empties back to port and loaded onto outgoing ships. Our preliminary forecasts indicate that the volume will level off by the end of the year but given the situation with COVID-19 and how it is affecting the global market and supply chains, there's just no way to predict. The local Longline and Purse Seine Fishing Fleet have been challenged by the closure of the borders given a lack of flexibility to fly in personnel for crew changes.
CNMI	August Update	CNMI Port Authority	The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA), Port of Saipan has seen a gradual decrease in both inbound and outbound cargoes. The Port is seeing a decrease in incoming commodities, especially the constructions materials. The impact of COVID-19 has reduced inbound containers as well as commercial vessels calling on Port of Saipan by almost 40 per cent for May 2020 compared to April 2020. In terms of port operations, it has reduced activity compared to the last fiscal year where at times the Port was very congested with vessels calling the Port of Saipan. At this present time, the operation or activity at the port runs very smoothly.
Cook Islands	26-Aug-20	Cook Islands Port Authority	We continue to maintain 2 international cargo vessels a month servicing Rarotonga and Aitutaki. The shipping schedule remains the same no changes just <i>Island Chief</i> is being replaced by <i>Olomana</i> . Although cargo reduction is slowly reducing we continue to receive and maintain our averaging cargo imported. Tankers schedules is now stretched out 2-3 month intervals.
Fiji	21-Sep-20	Fiji Ports	Cargo volumes and vehicle imports for August were the highest recorded in 2020 to date. This coincides with the annual high season (August to November) where larger cargo volumes are generally expected. Fiji Ports has not imposed any fees or tariffs related to COVID-19 measures.
	07-Sep-20	Neptune Pacific Australia	Neptune Pacific Line (NPL) wishes to advise our customers that whilst Covid-19 continues to impact flows on a global level, we remain committed to ensuring high levels of service within our footprint to and from the Pacific Islands. In order to maintain the service frequency and port coverage within our dedicated service covering Australia to and from Fiji we require a General Rate Increase of: USD 150/teu on dry and reefer cargo/ USD 8.8/per revenue ton on break bulk cargo. Which will become effective from Southern Moana v27 eta Melbourne 16th October 2020
	06-Jul-20	PDL Trade Notice/ Neptune Pacific Schedule	The New Zealand-Fiji feeder service will be reduced from four sailings per month to three, and the Australia-Fiji service will continue to operate on an 18 day frequency. Our objective is to maintain the highest service levels possible while reducing operating costs necessary to ensure that we are able to provide an economically sustainable service over the medium term. <i>Capitaine Dampier</i> - alternate sailings are blanked at least until end of August.
	31-Aug-20	Swire Rate Restoration Notice	The arrival of COVID-19 this year has impacted international trade and diminished cargo flows across the Pacific and globally. While Swire Shipping has experienced a long period of declining ocean freight rates and escalating operating costs, we have not reduced our capacity as we recognise that our customers in Fiji rely on a regular and reliable shipping service. Swire Shipping is required to apply the following rate restoration from Australia to Fiji. Effective: Kokopo Chief v027N Rate Restoration- 20' FCL: US\$ 125 40' FCL: US\$ 250 Break-bulk: US\$ 7.25 per revenue ton
FSM	04-Aug-20	Government of FSM	Comprehensive guidelines for COVID19 management including points of entry procedures https://fsmgov.org/fsmun/pubheal20.pdf
	01-Sep-20	Mariana Express Line (MELL) Schedule	The East Micronesia Service (EMS) will make calls to Kosrae based on inducement on all voyages, until the end of the year. The Majuro South Pacific Service (MSP) service has resumed the regular rotation to call LTK - MAJ - KSA - PNI, now that Marshall Island quarantine restrictions have eased.
Guam	10-Sep-20	Port of Guam	Port of Guam is providing regular COVID19 related updates via this link. https://portofguam.com/covid-19-guidelines-and-information
	11-Aug-20	Wilhelmsen Website	Crew Change - For crew staying for less than 5 days stay in Guam, they will not need to undergo quarantine or testing if they originate from low-risk area. - For crew that stay for more than 5 days in Guam, they will need to take the test 5 days prior to arrival in Guam or on the 5th day after arrival, they will need to self-quarantine for 14 days. If arriving from low-risk area, crew must have a negative test report within 5 days prior to arrival, or be tested on the 5th day and adhere to daily symptom monitoring, social distancing, face covering and hand-washing etiquette for up to 14 days or departure from Guam. If arriving from a Non-Low risk area, must have negative test 5 days prior to arrival, and must self-quarantine up to 14 days or until departure from Guam. - All people are required to fill out a Health Declaration form to be submitted at the DPHSS processing station. Those who are subject to quarantine restrictions are required to sign a voluntary quarantine acknowledgement and any persons who refuse to sign will be subject to involuntary quarantine.
Kiribati	17-Sep-20	PDL Schedule	<i>Capitaine Quiros</i> v089N ETA Kiritimati (Christmas) Island 28 October.
	10-Sep-20	Mariana Express Line (MELL) Schedule	MELL will omit Tarawa from Majuro South Pacific (MSP) schedule until March 2021.
	19-Aug-20	Kiribati Port Authority/ Kiribati Department of Health	Foreign vessels at seaports - only cargo ships and tankers allowed to enter, provided they are clear in line with relevant documents provided for verification to enter. Cargo ships and tankers should spend at least 5 days at high seas or outside our ports, before entry. Strict SOPs are to be implemented and followed at ports, e-communications to be followed, and no crew shore leave at all. Containers are to be disinfected at ports and to be released provided the consignments have been sealed in containers for more than 5 days before reaching Kiribati ports. 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.
Marshall Islands	04-Sep-20	NDC Travel Advisory #17	To make sure that we can 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 that have a history of entering RMI ports that have the same crewmembers on board as verified by MOHHS and immigration are exempt from the 14-day quarantine. For vessels that have changed crews, new crew members must show 21 days of consistent health checks prior to arrival and those new crewmembers with valid negative test results must have consistent health checks along with other existing crew prior to arrival in the Marshall Islands. Vessels with newer crewmembers, with fewer days on board will be required to complete the 14 days at sea prior to entry and cargo operations. 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. To ensure continuity of trans-shipment services, a limited number of carrier vessels shall be exempt. However, these carrier vessels are strictly required to spend 14 days at sea prior to port entry and only after clearance by MoHHS, RMI Ports Authority, MIMRA and RMI Immigration Division. Cruise ships, including live aboard vessels and yachts are suspended from visiting RMI until further notice
	10-Sep-20	Seaports Division-the RMI Ports Authority	At this point COVID-19 has not impacted the number of cargo vessel or tanker calls to RMI. There has been an impact on cargo volumes, due to shortage or inadequate volume from suppliers particularly from the US, and the Philippines but we see an upward trend in cargo volume from China. Shore leave is permitted to RMI citizens (fishermen) with tests upon disembarkation followed by a 14days quarantine. also shore leave permitted for non-RMI citizens who have made outbound air travel reservations (returning to their countries)

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	04-Sep-20	Marshall Islands Journal	Majuro saw a small uptick in the number of tuna transshipments last month, with 18 purse seiners off-loading their catches. Majuro has been averaging just 14 transshipments per month since January, a 60 percent drop over the 37 it averaged during 2018 and 2019. The reduction is due mainly to Covid-19 quarantine requirements that make it difficult for purse seiners to perform timely transshipments. Much of the transshipment business has shifted west to Pohnpei, according to local ports officials. This is largely because transshipments have different requirements because Pohnpei does not have a lagoon and the tuna transfers are done well offshore with no contact with shore.
Nauru	01-Sep-20	Nauru Bulletin/NSL FB page	Nauru Shipping Line (NSL) has been formally launched. NSL has entered into a 12 month fixed rate contract with Swire Shipping Agencies. NSL currently has a vessel on short-term charter, and is due to acquire a purpose-built, 82m with the capacity to carry 108 containers. <i>Kiwai V001</i> was scheduled to arrive in Nauru from Suva on 08 September.
	17-Sep-20	Corona Virus Update by his Excellency President Lionel Aingimea	At the sea port, vessel movements are unchanged, while port admin has commenced 100 per cent temperature checks on all port staff each morning as they report to work, and visitors converse with staff at designated areas.
	31-Aug	Nauru Maritime and Port Authority	Due to the costs associated with COVID-19 Nauru Maritime and Port Authority (NMPA) will introduce a Temporary COVID-19 Levy (TCL) on all cargo vessels discharging in Nauru. The levy will be AUD500/TEU for dry and reefer cargos and AUD50 for inbound breakbulk cargo. This surcharge will be effective for import cargo discharged on the <i>Capitaine Quiros</i> voyage 089 with an ETA Nauru 04 October 2020.
	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 <i>Capitaine Quiros V88N</i> .
New Zealand	22-Sep-20	Port of Auckland	Port of Auckland maintains testing regime for workers. Auckland is currently at COVID-19 Alert Level 2.5, while the rest of the country is at Alert Level 2. As a border organisation, it is critical we protect our staff and our maritime border, and we need to remain aware of the potential risks we face. We are a gateway to the world, which is still in the midst of a pandemic. https://www.poa.co.nz/our-response-to-covid-19
Niue	09-Sep-20	Matson Agent/Matson Schedule	Shipping to Niue is still on schedule and no major impact from COVID-19. The Olomana V122 brought the majority of our cargo for this month and the Island Chief V008 the balance of the cargo. Shops still selling our normal foodstuffs and airfreighting any products that are short supply. Fresh Fruits and Vegetables still coming by air freighting each week when required and importantly our Health Department Medical supplies. The next call of the Island Chief V009 is now eta 30/09/20.
Palau	21-Sep-20	Pacific Islands News Association	Australian supplies Guardian-class patrol boat to Palau. Palau's vessel is the seventh Guardian-class Patrol Boat delivered to Pacific partners under the Pacific Maritime Security Programme. The Pacific Patrol Boat Replacement Programme (PPBR) comprises 21 x 39.5m steel hull vessels designed and constructed by Austal for delivery to 12 Pacific Island nations and Timor Leste from late 2018 to 2023
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 COVID19. Crew change and shore leave are not permitted in PNG. The Port of Lae 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.
Pitcairn	19-Sep-20	Pitcairn Administration	All passengers' services, on the Silver Supporter, between Mangareva and Pitcairn, are suspended. Pitcairn's shipping schedule has been revised and the supply ship, will now travel only between Pitcairn & New Zealand. This restriction will remain in place until March 31st 2021. In order for Pitcairn to operate at full capacity throughout the coronavirus pandemic only Pitcairn residents, essential contracted staff and their partners, are permitted to travel on the Silver Supporter between NZ and Pitcairn. This restriction will remain in place until 31st March 2021. All cruise ships, tour vessels and yachts are prohibited from landing passengers at Pitcairn Island and the exchange of provisions (unless urgently required) is not permitted. This restriction will also remain in place until 31st March 2021.
Samoa	17-Sep-20	PDL Trade Notice	To ensure the delivery of all cargo booked for Tonga & Samoa's in September, Capitaine Dampier V171 will call Nuku'alofa directly after Auckland to support the Southern Trader V481 on this trade. Southern Trader V481 will sail directly from Auckland to Apia, Pago Pago and then Nuku'alofa. All Nuku'alofa cargo booked from or via Auckland will load on the Capitaine Dampier V171. After her call in Nuku'alofa the Capitaine Dampier will proceed on her normal rotation of Suva, Lautoka, Port Vila and Santo, cargo delivery into these ports will not be impacted. As previously advised, we will be closely monitoring cargo flows on this trade and ensuring that we match supply with demand by introducing Nuku'alofa calls on the Capitaine Dampier as the trade requires and continuing to provide premium transit times.
	18-Sep-20	Radio NZ Pacific	A shipment of US government-funded medical supplies has left Auckland bound for Samoa. The supplies included nearly 100,000 pairs of gloves, tens of thousands of masks, hundreds of surgical gowns, and huge volumes of hand sanitiser. The US Ambassador to both Samoa and New Zealand, Scott Brown, said the shipment came in response to a request from Samoa's government. The ship carrying these supplies was due to arrive in Apia on 5 October.
	17-Sep-20	Samoa Observer	60 Samoan sailors have been approved for additional opportunities on the Mediterranean Shipping Company's (M.S.C.) fleet overseas. More than 300 Samoan seafarers are currently employed on various M.S.C. ships.
	09-Sep-20	Samoa Shipping Services	Over 100 Samoan seafarers have completed employment contracts but are unable to disembark to come home due to COVID19. Closure of Samoan borders and lack of flights are preventing the return of Samoan seafarers. There are more than 200 seafarers in Samoa waiting to join vessels when the borders re-open. COVID-19 has had a huge impact on the Samoan shipping industry. Cruise liners prohibited to enter ports and cargo vessels limited to 2 vessels almost every week. Flight stoppage impacts air-freight cargo and seafarers disallowed to travel causing delays in mandatory crew change.
Solomon Islands	28-Aug-20	Solomon Islands Government	Issued an advisory on cargo vessels and marine tankers travelling from PNG ports to Solomon Islands. The advisory outlines increased restrictions due to increased COVID19 cases in PNG, particularly in Port Moresby. See advisory (linked below) for full details. https://www.customs.gov.sb/files/VESEL%20TRAVEL%20ADVISORY%20FOR%20PNG.pdf
	07-Sep-20	Tradco Agent	The new regulations are impacting as vessels from Port Moresby cannot berth earlier than 4 days which is approx. 1-1.5 day delay to the vessel.
	10-Sep-20	Solomon Island Govt Sea cargo clearance protocol. Updated 12 May 2020 v3 Remains in force	Foreign Cargo Vessel Quarantine Period: Fourteen (14) clear days at sea or a combination at sea and at anchor 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 TIER 1. 5 DAYS - PAPUA NEW GUINEA FIJI NEW CALEDONIA VANUATA NAURU TONGA KIRIBATI TUVALU TIER 2. 9 DAYS - AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND SOUTH KOREA TIER 3. 14 DAYS - CHINA HONG KONG (SAR) MACAU (SAR) CHINESE TAIPEI JAPAN SINGAPORE MALAYSIA THAILAND INDONESIA PHILIPPINES ITALY UNITED KINGDOM USA SPAIN Shipping Agents for Category 1, 2, or 3 vessels may apply to the Exemptions Committee for consideration for clearance less than the stipulated number of days under that tier. Such applications will only be considered based upon the urgency of need for those goods.
Tokelau	01-Sep-20	Administrator of Tokelau/TVNZ	Tokelau is expecting the imminent arrival of custom-made laboratory containers that will enable them to check and test for Covid-19 on the territory. The laboratory setup consists of two shipping containers containing a GeneXpert testing system, sterilisation kits, air-conditioning and a range of equipment needed for the testing process. Tokelau's borders closed to returning passengers in April but have since reopened and had their first repatriation sailing on July 27. The territory's only form of international transport is a ship between Samoa and Tokelau and, during the border closure, trips were restricted to cargo-only sailings, delivering food and necessities.
Tonga	17-Sep-20	PDL Trade Notice	To ensure the delivery of all cargo booked for Tonga & Samoa's in September, Capitaine Dampier V171 will call Nuku'alofa directly after Auckland to support the Southern Trader V481 on this trade. Southern Trader V481 will sail directly from Auckland to Apia, Pago Pago and then Nuku'alofa. All Nuku'alofa cargo booked from or via Auckland will load on the Capitaine Dampier V171. After her call in Nuku'alofa the Capitaine Dampier will proceed on her normal rotation of Suva, Lautoka, Port Vila and Santo, cargo delivery into these ports will not be impacted. As previously advised, we will be closely monitoring cargo flows on this trade and ensuring that we match supply with demand by introducing Nuku'alofa calls on the Capitaine Dampier as the trade requires and continuing to provide premium transit times.
	15-Sep-20	Matangi Tonga	The VOEA <i>Neiafu</i> on its final voyage from Tonga, arrived safely in Port Macquarie, NSW, Australia on 14 September, and will be handed over to the Australian Authorities for disposal. After providing 30 years of service to the Tongan Navy, it will be replaced by a new patrol boat. The new patrol boat is the second to be gifted to His Majesty's Armed Forces under Australia's Pacific Maritime Security Program. The first was the VOEA Ngahau Koula, which was gifted to Tonga last year to replace the VOEA Savea. The new patrol boats are much larger with improved range, endurance and communication capabilities, and are better suited to conduct maritime fisheries enforcement and boarding operations.
	12-Aug-20	Marine and Port Services Tuvalu	The 3 day quarantine period is still enforced and no change so far. As for the cargo vessel, there is only one container vessel bringing cargoes to Tuvalu and that is the <i>Captain Wallis</i> . There is no other cargo vessel apart from <i>Captain Wallis</i> bringing cargoes to Tuvalu unless chartered boats (Tug/Barge) which brings project materials to Tuvalu. The turnaround time for the Container vessel usually takes 3-4 weeks. Until now, there is no change in volume of cargo which could be attributed to the impact of COVID19.

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Tuvalu	17-Aug-20	DevPolicy - Repatriation	Part of Tuvalu's overall COVID-19 health security strategy has been to facilitate and indeed encourage voluntary migration from the capital to the outer islands. With repatriation due to occur, the national government is ensuring those in the capital who wish to relocate to the relative safety of the outer islands can do so. Two boats, <i>Nivaga III</i> and <i>Te Mataili II</i> , have been scheduled to run from the capital to the outer islands between 10–23 August and 14–27 September to facilitate this internal movement and also to deliver food supplies to the outer islands.
Vanuatu	08-Sep-20	Daily Post	Community lobbies government to assist with the return of Ni-Vanuatu fishermen working internationally on Taiwanese fishing boats. https://dailypost.vu/news/call-to-bring-ni-vanuatu-fishermen-on-taiwanese-fishing-boats-home/article_05d8db28-f091-11ea-ba24-1f2ebf072261.html
Wallis and Futuna	17-Sep-20	PDL Schedule	<i>Capitaine Wallis</i> V 358 Wallis and Futuna 28 to 30 September.
Shipping Lines	Date	Source	Details
ANL	16-Sep-20	ANL Port Congestion Surcharge - Sydney Update	Due to a combination of factors including industrial action, we are now experiencing heavy congestion at Sydney terminals. This congestion has led to significant delays to our vessel schedules causing an increase in overall operational costs. ANL and CMA CGM wish to advise customers that a Port Congestion Surcharge of USD 285 per TEU (both standard and reefer containers) will be introduced for specific services arriving/departing Sydney. https://www.anl.com.sg/news/1320/port-congestion-surcharge-sydney-update-2?utm_source=week&utm_medium=1320&utm_term=price-and-surcharge-updates&utm_content=504be8d4-5169-48f2-9139-aa839596be99&utm_campaign=newsletter
Kyowa Shipping	14-Aug-20	Kyowa Shipping	General cargo volumes remain steady, but there has been a drop in the demand for second-hand cars and construction material to some Pacific Island countries. Crew change - Before, we conducted crew change at Busan, Korea or Yokohama, Japan where our vessel calls every voyage. But we are not able to do so, because these ports have 14 days restriction. Crews are not allowed to disembark for 14 days from the day vessel depart from last port. In an emergency, we conduct crew change at Manila, Philippine. But it's not easy from both of the view, schedule delay and additional cost for the deviation.
Neptune Pacific	07-Sep-20	Neptune Pacific Australia General Rates Increase	Neptune Pacific Line (NPL) wishes to advise our customers that whilst Covid – 19 continues to impact flows on a global level, we remain committed to ensuring high levels of service within our footprint to and from the Pacific Islands. In order to maintain the service frequency and port coverage within our dedicated service covering Australia to and from Fiji we require a General Rate Increase of: USD 150/teu on dry and reefer cargo/ USD 8.8/per revenue ton on break bulk cargo. Which will become effective from Southern Moana v27 eta Melbourne 16th October 2020
Pacific Direct Line (PDL)	04-Sep-20	PDL Trade Notice	To maintain our regular shipping services linking Asia with the Pacific Islands, we will implement a rate restoration program on these trades. From the 04th of October 2020, an Ocean Freight increase of USD 150 per teu will be applicable to all export cargo shipped from Asia to all Pacific Island ports.
	10-Aug-20	PDL Trade Notice	<i>Capitaine Dampier</i> V169 calling Nuku'alofa. We wish to advise that we will be closely monitoring cargo flows on this trade and ensuring that we match supply with demand by introducing Nuku'alofa calls on the <i>Capitaine Dampier</i> as the trade requires and continuing to provide premium transit times. For this reason we also have <i>Capitaine Dampier</i> V171 scheduled to call Nuku'alofa in support of <i>Southern Trader</i> V481.
	02-Jun-20	PDL Trade Notice	The New Zealand-Fiji feeder service will be reduced from four sailings per month to three, and the Australia-Fiji service will continue to operate on an 18 day frequency. Our objective is to maintain the highest service levels possible while reducing operating costs necessary to ensure that we are able to provide an economically sustainable service over the medium term.
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	02-Jun-20	Swire NZ	East South East Asia (ESAE) Schedule: Reduction in vessels on the route from 4 to 3 on a 20 day rotation. This schedule calls several ports in PNG, Fiji and NZ
Wilhelmsen	15-Sep-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. https://wilhelmsen.com/ships-agency/campaigns/coronavirus/COVID19-Crew-Change/ COVID19 testing facilities, map updated daily https://wilhelmsen.com/ships-agency/campaigns/coronavirus/coronavirus-map/
General Update	Date	Source	Details
A humanitarian crisis at sea: all United Nations Member States must resolve the crew change crisis	14-Sep-20	International Maritime Organisation Press Briefing	UN agencies and programmes involved in the maritime sector, human rights, trade, travel and transportation have called on all UN Member States, through a joint statement, to take urgent action to resolve the humanitarian crew change crisis faced by the world's seafarers. Trapped on their ships due to travel restrictions imposed during the COVID-19 pandemic, more than 300,000 seafarers cannot be repatriated, and an equal number of unemployed seafarers ashore cannot work, because they are unable to board ships. The Joint Statement outlines a series of 15 different and related measures that Governments must take, including: 1. Designating seafarers as "key workers" providing an essential service, to facilitate safe and unhindered embarkation and disembarkation from their ships; 2. Undertaking national consultations involving all relevant ministries, agencies and departments, to identify obstacles to crew changes, and establish and implement measurable, time-bound plans to increase the rate of such crew changes; 3. Implementing protocols for crew changes, drawing upon the latest version of the Recommended framework of protocols for ensuring safe ship crew changes and travel during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic; 4. Refraining from authorising any new extension of seafarers' employment agreements beyond the maximum period of 11 months, in accordance with the MLC, 2006; and 5. Facilitating the diversion of ships from their normal trading routes to ports where crew changes are permitted. http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Pages/FAQ-on-crew-changes-and-repatriation-of-seafarers.aspx
ITF Global Crew Change Map	14-Sep-20	International Transport Workers Federation (ITF)	The ITF has launched a map showing the effect of Covid-19 restrictions on countries and ports around the globe. Based on data from the ITF's network of around 140 inspectors and contact networks, the map will be a vital resource for the thousands of seafarers hit hard by the crisis. https://www.itfseafarers.org/en/embed/covid-19-country-information-seafarers
COVID-19 Protocols	20-Sep-20	Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA)	These protocols represent a collaborative effort informed by technical experts from regional agencies, FFA Members and the Pacific fishing industry. The protocols can be found on the FFA website: http://ffa.int/covid19