



NORTH ADRIATIC SEA
PORT AUTHORITY
PORTS OF VENICE AND CHIOGGIA

Guidelines to control the COVID-19 epidemiological emergency in the ports of Venice and Chioggia

Procedure to be applied to interactions wharf – ship

Premises

The following procedure is issued, provided that:

the Italian law on Port Regulation appoints the President of the Port Authority “to coordinate the activities carried out by public administrations in the port, besides supervising and controlling all the activities that are subordinate to authorizations and grants/concessions, and ports services (...)”, without prejudices to each single employer’s responsibilities and duties, according to workers health and safety in their workplaces, according to workers health and safety in their workplaces and according in particular with the Italian legislative decree n. 81 of 2008 on health and safety at work, with the aim to guarantee the absence of interruptions of port activities in Venice and Chioggia despite the ongoing COVID-19 emergency

Article 1. Objectives

This procedure aims to limit the risks of infections among people operating on wharf and vessels while they need to interact with each other.

Article 2. Implementation

Individuals and activities listed below are submitted to the present procedure.

Individual involved are:

- terminal operators
- pool workers
- Ships’ agents
- freight forwarders
- Port Chemistry Technicians
- Fire Guards
- Workers in charge for the waste management (wet and solid waste)



Who must:

- ✓ exchange the following documents with the Master:
 - Ship-shore safety check list
 - Register of goods loaded and unloaded
 - Master Declaration
 - Work permissions to the ship's cargo hold
 - Certification of no-risks by the Port Chemistry Technicians
- ✓ work on board during port operations
- ✓ Perform controls on cargo on behalf of the final recipient or the customer

Article 3. Measures to limit physical contacts causing the virus spread

Provisions to limit the spread of the virus were issued in the last weeks, such as Prime Minister decrees, warrants of the Ministry for Health, other documents issued by National Institutions, ordinances of the Veneto Region and other qualified bodies.

As far as they apply, the Guidance for Ship Operators for the protection of Health of Seafarers issued by the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) and distributed by IMO through its note dating 5 March 2020 represents the main reference Documents in this circumstance.

With regard to Terminal Operators and pool workers they shall also respect the following safety procedures:

- avoid physical contacts among people working on wharf/ship and respect the minimum distance of 1 mt. from each other
- they shall be equipped with special PPE (such as protective masks or disposable gloves, etc.) when the distance of 1 mt. cannot be respected
- Favour the exchange of documents through electronic devices when possible
- The Master shall provide a desk for documents to be shared by wharf and ship personnel
- Once allowed on board by the Master for necessary procedures that cannot otherwise be performed, they will show their ID only, without physically handing it out.

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