

Measures in case of illness on board of a barge

COVID-19 Coronavirus

The aim of this document is to clearly define what steps have to be taken if there is a suspected case of illness in which Covid-19 cannot be ruled out, on board a barge within the port area or on the way to it.

In case of illness on board and if the barge is located within the port area or on its way to the port, the following steps must be taken:

- 1) The skipper or skipper's representative must consult a doctor:
 - a. If there is no question of possible contamination with corona then the doctor's advice can simply be followed; no further measures or reporting are necessary.
 - b. If contamination with corona cannot be ruled out, then the skipper must notify the Harbourmaster's office of the port concerned:

Antwerp: toelatingen.hkd@portofantwerp.com;
poa_no_vt_dkm_dww@portofantwerp.com>

North Sea Port: kd@northseaport.com

Zeebrugge: <https://portofzeebrugge.be/en/port-authority/contact>

Ostend: trafconto@portofoostende.be

- 2) The Harbourmaster will allocate a holding berth for the barge and will notify:
 - a. Saniport (Federal Government Department of Health)
 - b. The concession-holder for the holding berth

The Harbourmaster will NOT notify the commercial partners involved! This must be done by the skipper or operator themselves, in the usual way.

- 3) Saniport will contact the skipper to arrange further measures for the patient and the other crew members. The holding berth will be arranged to permit easy access by emergency services, as necessary.
- 4) The Harbourmaster's office and Saniport will coordinate further measures as appropriate:
 - a. Clearance for the barge
 - b. Conditional clearance
 - c. Placing the barge under quarantine

If the barge is given clearance – or conditional clearance – this means it can continue to operate commercially while observing the above-mentioned rules for social distancing and digital communication.

Take care of yourself
Take care of others
Take care of the port

Port of Antwerp