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GOVERNMENT INTRODUCES NEW MEASURES TO PROTECT PORT WORKERS FROM CORONAVIRUS

The Federal Government and the Public Labor Ministry (MPT) have made a joint recommendation to standardize actions to protect port workers whilst ensuring the full functioning of Brazilian ports. The agreement was articulated by the Infrastructure Ministry (MInfra) over the National Ports Secretariat. A series of recommendations are addressed to port authorities, companies in the sector and labor management agencies. Among the measures, MInfra and MPT suggest the creation of special organizational structures and plans for preventing infections at ports. The measures include formal guidelines to prevent and fight the coronavirus, full provision of protective materials, immediate removal of professionals in high risk groups, monitoring of workers who have had contact with people suspected of infection, and disinfection of any accommodation used as well as immediate communication to Anvisa of confirmed or suspected cases. It was also determined that workers returning from travel should be under observation for 7 days if asymptomatic, and 14 days if symptomatic. "Brazil currently has a trade deficit of around R\$20 billion in the health sector, and it is through ports that a large part of the inputs and equipment arrive. Our priority is to ensure a safe environment so that these professionals can work. Keeping this equipment in full working order is vital to overcome this crisis ", said Infrastructure Minister Tarcísio Gomes de Freitas. The recommendations have been in effect since last Friday 20, when the document was signed by the National Ports Secretary, Diogo Piloni, and the national coordinator of Port and Water Works of the MPT, Flávia Oliveira Veiga Bauler.

Source: *Datamar News*

ANVISA UPDATES TECHNICAL NOTE ON CREW DISEMBARKS

On Tuesday 24, The National Health Surveillance Agency (Anvisa) made an update to the Technical Note released earlier this week with fundamental measures related to circulation in national ports in this period of the coronavirus crisis. The change is related to the disembarkation of crew members, which in the original text could only occur 14 days after the arrival of the vessel in the first national port. Now, with the update, the crew is authorized to disembark in a Brazilian port 14 days after the date of departure from the last foreign port. "Cargo vessels on an international route will only be able to dock and operate if there is no disembarkation of any crew member, for 14 days from the date of departure from the last foreign port, except for the disembarkations essential to the operation. The minimum contact of the crew must also be guaranteed. with Brazilian port workers in this period, restricted to the limits of the port terminal ", says the note.

Source: *ANVISA*

SINDAPORT ADOPTS MEASURES TO PREVENT THE NEW CORONAVIRUS DURING WORK IN THE PORT OF SANTOS

Workers and representatives of the Union of Employees in the Port Administration (Sindaport) adopted new measures to carry out activities in the Port of Santos, on the coast of São Paulo, as a means of preventing the spread of the new coronavirus (Covid-19). Among the actions, the union suspended the activities of the Department of Retirees and the medical clinic. According to Sindaport, only dental care is performed in urgent cases. The workers and associates are instructed to, if in doubt, not go directly to the entity, but to directly seek the union's board of directors through cell phone or message. The union also points out that it requested new policies to control workers' access to the Santos pier. In addition to waiving the use of a digital time clock and biometric reader, the entity also requested the dismissal of employees in non-essential activities in the Port of Santos. The requests were sent to the Santos Port Authority, the Santos Port Authority (SPA). Still within the requests, Sindaport asked SAP to rotate employees who work directly on the docks, as well as to standardize services that serve the public, such as the adoption of safety equipment in case of face-to-face assistance. The entity also requested the interested employees to anticipate the vacation period. Another series of measures requested from the port authority by the union consists of maintaining the payment of benefits to workers, such as nighttime, risky, extra, in addition to food and meal vouchers, and an extension of more than 30 days for the deadline. subscriptions to the termination plan. In a note to G1, the Santos Port Authority points out that employee health and safety are a priority and, at this moment, the measures taken are aimed at protecting its employees, customers and partners from possible contagion risks. SPA received letters from Sindaport and sent them to its legal sector for analysis, so that decisions are made in the light of current legislation and decisions for this prevention period. Regarding biometrics, it is temporarily exempt, with access control being done by documentary verification of the worker's badge.

Source: *Portos e Navios*

COPERSUCAR DONATES 185K LITERS OF ALCOHOL TO REDUCE THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS

Part of the production of Copersucar's partner mills will be donated to the free supply of public health units in three Brazilian states. The volume collected of 185 thousand liters of alcohol 70% will be used, still this month, for disinfection, essential for hospital use. The action will include the Health Secretariats of Rio Grande do Sul, Paraná and Santa Catarina. The first shipment of 45,000 liters of alcohol destined for Joinville/SC was delivered on Wednesday 25. The volume and distribution to each unit is coordinated by the Union of the Sugarcane Industry (UNICA) and supported by members of the Brazilian Association for the Transport and Logistics of Dangerous Products (ABTLP). The action also counts on the contribution of the National Union of Fuel and Lubricant Distribution Companies (Sindicom), which will donate the diesel oil needed for transportation.

Source: *Jornal Cana*



TEREOS PROVIDES 20K LITERS OF 70% ALCOHOL TO FIGHT CORONAVIRUS

Tereos announced the donation of 20 thousand liters of 70% liquid alcohol to SUS hospitals and service stations in the municipalities where the Group's sugar, ethanol and bioenergy industrial units are located, in the northwest region of the state of São Paulo. The initiative aims to collaborate with the fight against the coronavirus pandemic. 20,000 liters of 70% liquid alcohol will be donated. The Company started producing 70% hydrated alcohol, which will be made available in 1,000 liter containers for hospitals and 25 liters for service stations. Among the institutions that will receive the donation are: the Base Hospital, in São José do Rio Preto; the Hospital do Amor, in Barretos; the Santas Casas de Barretos, Bebedouro, Cajobi, Colina, Guaira, Guaraci, Olímpia, Pitangueiras, São José do Rio Preto and Tanabi; and the health departments of Guapiaçu, São José do Rio Preto, Severínia, Tabapuã and Viradouro. The substance in liquid state is recommended for sanitizing and cleaning environments in hospitals and health units. Unlike gel alcohol, the liquid substance is not recommended for individual use, as it does not contain emollients, it can dry out and irritate the skin. The Group's units in France will also donate the product. "We at Tereos are committed to the communities where we operate. In such a critical moment like this, we are proud to be able to contribute to our production of alcohol 70 in order to support the tireless work of health professionals", said Jacyr Costa Filho, member of the Executive Committee of the Tereos Group. Tereos' five plants in France are also engaged in the solidarity campaign against the coronavirus and will manufacture alcohol gel and donate all manufactured products to French health agencies.

Source: *Jornal Cana*

CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC: AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS SHOULD HAVE LITTLE IMPACT, SAYS CNA

The coronavirus pandemic should bring down exports in general in the first half of this year, but agricultural commodities will be less affected and may have a rapid recovery in the second half, with increased food purchases to replenish stocks in the affected countries, say analysts and entities that monitor global trade. In a bulletin released last week, the CNA (National Confederation of Agriculture and Livestock of Brazil) did not identify an interruption of Chinese imports of Brazilian agricultural goods. Between January and February, there was an increase of 9.7% in the trade of grains, oils and food in the country. "The rush of consumers to supermarkets is the likely cause of the increase in sales of basic items for the Chinese diet. Online food sales also grew 3% in the same period." Disruptions in industry and services are likely to be more severe and longer, according to analysts. But everything - even the direction of agricultural exports - depends on the duration of the pandemic, its extent and the seriousness of the measures taken to combat it. Bodies like the UN agency for trade (Unctad) and the OECD (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development), which had made predictions when the outbreak of the disease was limited to China, are redoing their calculations and say it will take weeks. so that the panorama becomes clearer.

Source: *Portos e Navios*

NATIONAL OIL AGENCY RELEASES MINIMUM ANHYDROUS STOCK TO MEET FUEL DEMAND

The National Petroleum Agency (ANP) has just announced the release of a minimum anhydrous stock, due to the coronavirus pandemic, with its consequences for the economy and demand for fuels. The measure aims at better accommodation between supply and demand in the anhydrous ethanol market, as well as reducing regulatory costs that are disproportionate in the current scenario of sharp drop in demand for C gasoline and its worsening in the coming weeks. The agency informs the economic agents of fuel distribution, producers, producer cooperatives and companies that sell ethanol, that it will apply the provisions of §14, article 3, combined with §12, article 10 and with article 12 of ANP Resolution n ° 67/2011. Such regulations establish that the ANP may, in a motivated manner by the agent, due to the variation in demand in its operating market, in the event of unforeseen circumstances, force majeure or problems, approve inventories and contract lower than expected volumes of anhydrous ethanol in that resolution, without the economic agent suffering any type of administrative penalty.

Source: *Jornal Cana*

VEGETABLE OIL INDUSTRIES CONTINUE TO OPERATE NORMALLY

The Brazilian Association of Vegetable Oil Industries (Abiove) released a statement on Monday (23) in which it informs that its member factories continue to function normally in order to guarantee food and energy security for the population amid the advancement of the coronavirus pandemic in the world. Exports of soybeans, corn and soybean meal also remain unchanged. The entity declares that the industries in the segment are distributed in 40 Brazilian municipalities and employ, within the factories, 17 thousand people, and working to protect them and avoid contagion is a priority at this time. "For this, companies are adopting even stricter hygiene and health protocols to mitigate the risks of contagion", highlights the note. The functioning of the units that produce protein bran for the meat market, vegetable oil for human consumption and biodiesel, as well as the integrated logistics system of the factories and the document issuing services, is fundamental and indispensable to guarantee the supply of the Brazilian population. and the flow of exports that guarantee global food security, says Abiove. Abiove also says that its associates continue to monitor the health scenario and protocols in the country and the world to adopt additional control and safety actions, whenever necessary.

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