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Situation in Portugal:

- * There is no standard... Ports like Leixões and Açores are keeping a close track on record of ships and crews. Vessels identified as “dangerous” (several levels) will have additional PPE for pilots, close integration with the Port Doctor
- * Also this two ports have separate teams of pilot boats and crews and no visits to the pilot station;
- * Setúbal is in contingency level 2, so everybody is using gloves and masks
- * Other ports are using the Standard from our Health Minister which is just frequent hand sanitation and keep a social distance (they insist a lot)
- * This morning I was refused to board a vessel because I was not wearing gloves and masks and it took me one hour to have the permit to wear this equipment and go onboard
- * Lisbon or Sines are working like one year ago mixing everybody. Only the meetings and calls to the pilot station were cancelled
- * Standards onboard vessels usually are higher than ours
- * Till now we only had “one suspicious” in Sines (remaining ports nothing). Wife is a doctor and tested positive, him and kids negative
- * Maritime Administration hasn’t created yet a standard and we are pushing a lot on this
- * Regarding the traffic, Lisbon is decreasing due to the stevedores strike and now cruise vessels that are forbidden to call
- * Sines is having a better year than last year and also Leixões and Aveiro

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