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LA ROCHELLE PORT COMMUNITY FULLY MOBILIZED

While facing a global health crisis, it is essential to maintain the freight supply chain in order to ensure that people and companies receive essential goods. Each day, all the stakeholders of the port community remain fully mobilized and carry out the necessary tasks.

Since March 13th, in consultation with their staff, the Port Authority and the port community have organized themselves and swiftly adapted their practices to secure the continuity of their activities in line with the essential health measures against the Covid-19. The handling of ships, stevedoring operations and rail and road transports continues uninterrupted.



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It is important to note the commitment of all parties: shipping agents, stevedores, pilots, tugboats, boatmen, transport and storage companies, port officers, security agents...

By reorganizing its work stations and working hours in order to adhere to protective measures, the port community of La Rochelle has demonstrated its ability to adapt in order to meet the needs of all.

As the only deep sea port on the French Atlantic coast, the Port of La Rochelle is the 6th largest maritime port with 6 terminals (276 ha of land surface) with a total of 4 475 meters of quayside all linked to the national railway. The Islands of Ré and Oléron provide a sheltered nautical access and a quick piloting operation (45 minutes). Of this total traffic 9,8 million tons in 2019, the main sectors represented are: grains 4,1 MT, refined petroleum products 2,9 MT, building materials 1 MT, agricultural products 868 000 tons, and forest products 645 000 tons.

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