

DFDS CEO Torben Carlsen speaks - vlog 17

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Good afternoon. 2 June, sending from the terrace in Copenhagen.

Dear colleagues, Friday was an exciting time for us. We were informed that travelers can again travel between Denmark and Norway, although the Norwegians will have some restrictions upon them in order to enter into Denmark. Restrictions that we are now looking further into.

Bottom line is that on 25 June, the service between Oslo and Copenhagen will start again in some reduced format. It means that hundreds of the furloughed people can be called back to service. It also, unfortunately, means that some will have to stay at home until we see how the scope of the service can be going forward.

In the rest of the system, no big major developments.

The other passenger service between Amsterdam and Newcastle will still have to stay at port. It seems that it will take longer time before the restrictions for English people to travel will be lifted. Looking broader in our freight network, a number of places do see some recovery and some better volumes than before.

We have added a couple of vessels back in service and remain optimistic that we will gradually see a return, if not to normal, then at least to an acceptable level in terms of our business volumes and activity.

This was my short message for today. Again, very pleased to see that we can now resume the passenger service between Denmark and Norway. A service that we have been sailing uninterrupted for almost 150 years. So it'll be good to get started again. Enjoy the afternoon and stay safe.