

# COVID-19 [Jordan]

### Bulletin n°1 – CIQP: 19 June 2020

(Customs, Immigration and Quarantine Procedures)

## OBJECTIVE / OBJECTIF

This document provides a situational update on airport status and Customs entry points during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ce document fait le point sur le statut des aéroports et des points d'entrée des douanes pendant la pandémie de COVID-19.

NUMBER OF COVID-19 CASES AT THE GHRP'S DATE / NOMBRE DE CAS DE COVID-19 A LA DATE DU GHRP

**153** 

NUMBER OF COVID-19 CASES ON 18 JUNE 2020 / NOMBRE DE CAS DE COVID-19 LE 18 JUIN 2020

987

### **COUNTRY BRIEF / COMPTE RENDU**

Jordan was included in the United Nations' 2020 COVID-19 Global Humanitarian Response Plan (GHRP), with a Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRP).

Internal restrictions have been imposed by local and federal authorities but are now easing. A quarantine is in place between 12am and 6am. Hotels, cafes, restaurants, nurseries and gyms have reopened at limited capacity. All mosques and churches are open at all times, and sporting events will resume without audiences. Kindergartens, schools and universities will remain closed, and wedding and funeral events remain banned. Social distancing measures are in place as well as mandatory wearing of protective masks and gloves.

### AIRPORT STATUS / STATUT DES AEROPORTS

1. Airport / Flight restrictions (updated 18 June 2020).

Passenger flights to Jordan are suspended until 4 July 2020. This does not apply to:

- Emergency flights;
- Cargo flights;
- Humanitarian/medical evacuation flights;
- Repatriation flights;
- United Nations and state/diplomatic flights.

Domestic flights are allowed with prior permission of the authorities.

(source: IATA, 18 June 2020).

2. Passengers / Quarantine (updated 19 June 2020).

Information about passengers and quarantine procedures upon arrival into Jordan is not available online.

3. Airlines cargo Operations status (updated 19 June 2020).

An <u>update</u> from IATA on 19 June stated that for Royal Jordanian Airlines, cargo flights are now operational (source: IATA, 19 June 2020).

### IMPORTATION AND CUSTOMS / IMPORTATION ET DOUANES

**4. Customs, land, sea** (updated 19 June 2020)

Jordanian land borders have been closed since 25 March 2020 except for essential items (source: Bollore Logistics, undated).

#### Sea ports:

At Jordan's sea ports, due to COVID-19-related restrictions, shore leave and crew change are not permitted (source: Wilhelmsen, 26 May 2020).

The Port of Aqaba continues to remain operational with operations at a delayed rate (source: Bollore Logistics, undated).

**5. Customs, importation procedure** (updated 19 June 2020)



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A number of measures have been put into place by Customs Authorities, including:

- Various health and safety measures for staff working at Customs offices;
- Procedures including 'around the clock' clearance and increasing teleworking capabilities;
- Expanding the selectivity criteria of the National Single Window mechanism so that any goods related to addressing the ongoing crisis are targeted;
- Reducing actual inspections of goods so that it does not exceed 5% of all items, and using x-ray inspection;
- Prioritising the clearance of food and medical supplies;
- Postponing the payment of 70% of Customs fees to gold and silver list companies;
- Reducing the requirement for paper documents and accepting electronic copies as applicable;
- Preventing the export and re-export of medical supplies and devices used for protection and disease prevention.

(source: Jordan Customs Department, 19 April 2020).

The following measures are in place at Jordan's border crossing points, adopted by Jordan's Ministry of Transport:

- Trucks may not cross the territory of Jordan (in transit) unless they have a security escort and are subject to public security controls;
- The Ministry has put 'back to back transport' measures into place for goods with cargo coming into Jordan, from non-Jordanian trucks, and does not allow Jordanian trucks to leave through the border crossing at: the Karama border crossing point (with **Iraq**), and the Jaber border crossing (with **Syria**);
- The Ministry has stopped the movement of trucks from the Durra border crossing (with **Saudi Arabia**). The border-crossing point is used for transit traffic to and from Customs of passenger vehicles only;
- The Ministry has allowed the entry of trucks from the Omari Border Crossing, whose goods are destined for Jordanian territory, provided that safety rules are followed to limit the spread of the Coronavirus and a negative COVID-19 certificate is submitted by drivers, issued by an approved entity, less than 48 hours before entry;
- The Ministry has stopped the movement of truck traffic through the Moudawara border crossing point (with **Saudi Arabia**).

(source: UNECE, 15 April 2020)

6. Annex J-5 of the Revised Kyoto Convention: Not ratified.

7. Annex B.9 of the Istanbul Convention: Not ratified.

8. ASYCUDA user: Yes.

9. ASYREC user: No.

### **USEFUL LINKS / LIENS UTILES**

CIQP Bulletins for other countries are available here.



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### Country-specific:

Jordanian Customs, Homepage

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International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), COVID-19 airport status

International Organization for Migration, Points of Entry Status

International SOS, Travel Restrictions, Flight Operations and Screening

United Nations, Global Humanitarian Response Plan: COVID-19

United Nations, Global Humanitarian Response Plan: COVID-19 - May Update

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, <u>Observatory on Border Crossings Status due to COVID-19</u>

Wilhelmsen, COVID-19 Global Port Restrictions Map

World Customs Organization, HS classification reference list for COVID-19 medical supplies (3rd edition)

World Customs Organization, <u>COVID-19 – WCO Updates</u>

World Customs Organization, List of national legislation of countries that adopted temporary export restrictions on certain categories of critical medical supplies in response to COVID-19

World Health Organization, Coronavirus disease (COVID-2019) situation reports

World Trade Organization, COVID-19: Trade and Trade-related measures

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