



Latest updates highlighted in yellow.

OBJECTIVE

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

COVID-19 CASES

Number of COVID-19 cases on the date of the GHRP: **153**

Number of COVID-19 cases on 16 August 2020: **1,339**

COUNTRY BRIEF

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. Social distancing measures remain in place. Commercial flights in and out of Jordan are suspended and all land and sea borders are closed. Internal restrictions apply; consult with local authorities for more information.

IMPORTATION MEASURES TO RESPOND TO COVID-19

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
GLOBAL HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLAN	
Is there a Humanitarian Response Plan for the country?	No.
AIRPORT STATUS and FLIGHT RESTRICTIONS	
What is the status of international flights?	<p>Due to COVID-19, all flights arriving to or departing from Jordanian civil airports are suspended. This does not apply to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency flights; • Cargo flights; • Humanitarian/medical evacuation flights; • Repatriation flights; • United Nations and state/diplomatic flights; • Technical stops/alternate airports. <p>Domestic flights are allowed with prior permission of the authorities. The exempted flights above shall refer to the instructions of Civil Aviation Regulatory Commission. (source: ICAO, 15 August 2020).</p>



What is the airlines cargo operational status?	An update from IATA on 19 June stated that for Royal Jordanian Airlines, cargo flights are now operational (source: IATA, 26 June 2020).
IMMIGRATION and QUARANTINE	
What quarantine measures apply for travelers?	Not applicable.
IMPORTATION and CUSTOMS PROCEDURES	
What border closure measures apply (air, land, sea) that affect the importation of goods?	<p>Jordanian land borders have been closed since 25 March 2020 except for essential items. Air and sea cargo are allowed; air freight capacities have been significantly reduced.</p> <p>Jordanian trucks are not allowed to cross into Israel and the West Bank.</p> <p>Jordanian trucks are subjected to transshipment at the border with Syria (Jaber-Naseeb border). (source: Bollore Logistics, undated).</p> <p>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).</p> <p>The Port of Aqaba continues to remain operational with operations at a delayed rate. Ships calling the port of Aquaba must be sterilized.(source: Bollore Logistics).</p> <p>The following measures are in place at Jordan’s border crossing points, adopted by Jordan’s Ministry of Transport:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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;



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry has stopped the movement of truck traffic through the Moudawara border crossing point (with Saudi Arabia). <p>(source: UNECE, 15 April 2020)</p>
What measures have been introduced to facilitate the smooth clearance of goods related to COVID-19?	<p>A number of measures have been put into place by Customs Authorities, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>(source: Jordan Customs Department, 19 April 2020).</p>
OTHER	
Has the country ratified Annex J-5 of the Kyoto Convention ? If so, when?	Not ratified
Has the country ratified Annex B.9 of the Istanbul Convention ? If so, when?	Not ratified
ASYCUDA user?	Yes
ASYREC user?	No

USEFUL LINKS

CIQP Bulletins for other countries are available [here](#).

Country-specific:

Jordanian Customs, [Homepage](#)

Jordan Customs Department, [COVID-19 Response Plan \(19 April 2020\)](#)

[UNHCR, Operational update \(17 August 2020\)](#)



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COVID-19 Jordan

Bulletin n° 2 - CIQP : 17 August 2020

(Bulletin on Customs, Immigration and Quarantine Procedures)

[WFP, Jordan Country Brief \(27 July 2020\)](#)

Other links:

[*Bollore Logistics, COVID-19 Impact Update*](#)

[*International Air Transport Association \(IATA\), Coronavirus Outbreak – Update*](#)

[*IATA, Government Measures Related to Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)*](#)

[*IATA, Air Cargo Operations status - COVID-19*](#)

[*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, Observatory on Border Crossings Status due to COVID-19*](#)

[*Wilhemnsen, COVID-19 Global Port Restrictions Map*](#)

[*World Customs Organization, HS classification reference list for COVID-19 medical supplies \(3rd edition\)*](#)

[*World Customs Organization, COVID-19 – WCO Updates*](#)

[*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 Customs Organization, World Health Organization, List of priority medicines for customs during COVID-19 pandemic***](#)

[*World Health Organization, Coronavirus disease \(COVID-2019\) situation reports*](#)

[*World Trade Organization, COVID-19: Trade and Trade-related measures*](#)

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