

**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**

**304**

**NUMBER OF  
COVID-19 CASES  
ON 1 JULY 2020  
/ NOMBRE DE CAS  
DE COVID-19 LE 1  
JUILLET 2020**

**1,778**

Latest updates highlighted in **yellow**.

**COUNTRY BRIEF / COMPTE RENDU**

Lebanon was included in the second edition of the United Nations' 2020 COVID-19 Global Humanitarian Response Plan (GHRP) published on 6 May 2020, with a Humanitarian Response Plan. The plan took note of concerning public demonstrations against lockdown measures and the influx of Palestinian refugees who have fled Syria into the country.

Internal restrictions have been imposed. The President of Lebanon declared a '*State of Medical Emergency*' on 15 March 2020. The government on 18 May initiated a five-step plan to gradually ease restrictions, including allowing some businesses to reopen. **A nightly curfew is in place between 23:59 and 05.00**. Some repatriation flights continue to be scheduled for citizens/residents abroad. Restaurants and coffee shops are permitted to resume dine-in operations at 50% capacity between 05.00 and 19.00. Other food shops are only allowed to offer delivery services. Millers, bakeries, hospitals, factories, hotels and petrol stations can operate on a 24/7 basis. Individuals are required to wear masks and observe social distancing.

**AIRPORT STATUS / STATUT DES AEROPORTS****1. Airport / Flight restrictions** (updated 12 April 2020).

The *State of Medical Emergency* announced on 15 March 2020, declared that all air, land and sea ports are to remain closed for passengers.

As of a government circular (No. 33/2) applying to Beirut Rafic Hariri International Airport, passenger flights are now allowed at the airport under the following rules:

- Passengers must have a medical certificate with a negative COVID-19 PCR test result issued at most 96 hours before arrival;
- Passengers without a medical certificate with a negative COVID-19 PCR test result are subject to medical screening;
- A health declaration form must be completed online upon arrival;
- Passengers are subject to medical screening;
- Passengers must have an insurance to cover medical expenses in Lebanon.

**These rules do not apply to nationals and residents of Lebanon or military personnel.**

(source: IATA, 1 July 2020; Director General of Civil Aviation, 29 June 2020).

**2. Passengers / Quarantine** (updated 15 March 2020).

Travelers displaying symptoms of the virus and/or with travel histories indicating possible exposure may be detained for a 14-day quarantine (source: IATA, 15 March 2020).

**3. Airlines cargo Operations status** (updated 17 June 2020).

**All flights through Sun Express to and from Lebanon have been suspended until 5 July.**

**Flights are operating through Qatar Airways; the carrier is shipping medical supplies donated by Qatar Fund to destinations including Lebanon through freight charters.**

(source: IATA, 17 June 2020).

**IMPORTATION AND CUSTOMS / IMPORTATION ET DOUANES****4. Customs, land, sea** (updated 23 June 2020).

**Sea port** restrictions at the Port of Beirut are as follows:

- The port of Beirut remains open;
- All vessels calling at the port should submit to the Harbor Master, upon their arrival, the list of the last 10 Ports of Call and to the Quarantine center the certificate of Medical Compliance together with the sanitation control exemption certificate;
- Before entering the port, vessel must drop anchor and port authorities will board the vessel to check the crew health, to ensure that all crew members are in good health;
- Crew change and shore leave are not permitted;
- Ports are operating normally but with lower efficiency due to manpower reductions. Ports are affected by increased verification and crew restrictions.

(source: Wilhelmsen, 15 April 2020).

According to an operational update, status at **sea ports** is as follows:

- Port operations are operating at lower efficiency due to manpower restrictions
- Slight container and equipment shortages are impacting operations

According to an operational update, status at **airports** is as follows:

- Freighters are flying at normal but capacity is constrained
- Terminals are operating as normal for cargo; only passenger flights are impacted (no incoming/outcoming passenger flights are allowed).

(source: Agility, undated).

**Road cargo operations** are impacted by restrictions:

- Foreign trucks are subject to transshipment;
- There are some restrictions for road networks within cities;
- There are some restrictions on cargo movement between cities or regions;
- Cross-border road freight operations are affected by slight delays/disruption in local pick-up, land border restrictions, and driver/equipment constraints.

(source: Agility, undated).

The Syrian border with Lebanon is open for cargo movement, with a 2-5 day waiting time (source: Syrian Logistics Cluster, 12 May 2020).

Cargo flights are available to book through the Humanitarian Booking Hub, to Beirut. The WFP flight schedule is as follows:

- **On Mondays** Cairo, Beirut, Yerevan, Bagdad, Erbil;
- **On Wednesdays** Cairo, Beirut, Yerevan, Bagdad, Erbil.

(source: [Humanitarian Booking Hub](#), undated).

**5. Customs, importation procedure** (updated 22 February 2020).



A directive preventing the exportation of certain items of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) was issued on 22 February 2020. The following items were included, published on the Lebanese Customs website:

- Surgical puncture resistant gloves;
- Heavy duty gloves;
- Boot leg and shoe cover;
- Impermeable overall suit;
- Surgical masks and N-95 respirator;
- Impermeable hood cover and hairnet;
- Disposable gowns especially impermeable protective gown;
- Chemotherapy gown;
- Face shield;
- Impermeable boot;
- Aprons;
- Long sleeved gown.

The port of Beirut and the international airport contain refrigerated areas designed for the storage of several kinds of merchandise including medicines and medical equipment (source: WCO, 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](#).**

### **Country-specific:**

[Director General of Civil Aviation, Circular No. 33/2 \(English\) \(29 June 2020\)](#)

[Director General of Civil Aviation, Circular No. 33/2 \(Arabic\) \(29 June 2020\)](#)

[Lebanon Republic Customs Administration, Customs Directive \(22 February 2020\)](#)

[Ministry of the Economy, news page](#)

[OCHA, Lebanon bi-monthly situation report \(29 May 2020\)](#)

[UNHCR, Lebanon COVID-19 Update \(8 June 2020\)](#)

### **General:**

[Agility, Global Shipping Updates: COVID-19](#)

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[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](#)

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

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

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