



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: 316

Number of COVID-19 cases on 14 August 2020: 172,583

COUNTRY BRIEF

Iraq was included in the United Nations’ 2020 COVID-19 Global Humanitarian Response Plan (GHRP), with a Humanitarian Response Plan. The Humanitarian Response Plan for Iraq took note of the strong humanitarian leadership in the country as well as the local risks:

“Iraq has a strong humanitarian leadership and coordination structure with a Humanitarian Coordinator leading the HCT and the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group...The humanitarian system is not sufficiently geared to focus response on epidemiology for displaced people or the wider population.”

Internal restrictions have been imposed by the government. The nightly curfew timing has changed to 17.00-05.00, including on weekends, until further notice. Interprovincial movement is restricted to government, emergency or business trips. In the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI), non-essential overland movement between cities within the KR and between the KR and federal Iraq will be subject to special approval of the Supreme Committee for Coronavirus Response.

IMPORTATION MEASURES TO RESPOND TO COVID-19

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
GLOBAL HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLAN	
Is there a Humanitarian Response Plan for the country?	Yes
AIRPORT STATUS and FLIGHT RESTRICTIONS	
What is the status of international flights?	The Government of Iraq has re-opened their airspace for commercial flights as of 01 August with several airlines gradually resuming their passenger flights to Baghdad and Erbil.



	<p>WFP will operate its last flight between Sharjah-Addis Ababa on Tuesday 18 August 2020 and Sharjah-Baghdad-Erbil on Wednesday 19 August 2020. (WFP Aviation Team, 13 August 2020)</p> <p>Flights between Iraq and Turkey are suspended until further notice. (WFP, 11 August 2020)</p>
What is the airlines cargo operational status?	Airport terminals are operating normally for cargo but with reduced manpower impacting efficiency. Freighters are flying as normal but capacity is constrained. (Agility, 13 August 2020)
IMMIGRATION and QUARANTINE	
What quarantine measures apply for travelers?	<p>Quarantine requirement at government designated site or self-isolation at home. Inbound travelers to Iraq may be asked to provide proof of a negative COVID test or may be subject to testing.</p> <p>Travelers arriving in the Kurdistan region of Iraq are subject to a mandatory 30-day quarantine upon arrival. All other people entering Iraq are subject to a mandatory 14-day quarantine. Authorities have banned the entry of nationals from Bahrain, China, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Nigeria, Spain, South Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Turkey, and Qatar. (WFP, 11 August 2020)</p>
What visa restriction measures apply?	COVID-19 negative certification is required for entering the country (WFP, 11 August 2020).
What curfew and lockdown measures apply?	A nationwide curfew is in place overnight from 21:30 to 06:00 on Sundays through Wednesdays inclusive until 15 August. A full curfew is in place on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. (WFP, 11 August 2020)
IMPORTATION and CUSTOMS PROCEDURES	
What border closure measures apply (air, land, sea) that affect the importation of goods?	<p>Border crossing points with Kuwait and Iran have been re-opened for commercial exchange. Most border crossings with neighbouring countries remain closed but open intermittently to allow the return of Iraqi nationals. The movement of trade exchange at maritime and air points in Iraq is allowed on the condition of presenting a sanitary certificate ensuring the safety of crews and cargo from the virus from the incoming countries. (WFP, 11 August 2020)</p>
What other/general procedures apply regarding the importation of goods relevant to humanitarian operators?	<p>Government of Iraq :</p> <p>For the importation of humanitarian commodities; all regular and standard shipping documents will have to be provided. Specific documents such as Certification of Origin, Certification of</p>



	<p>Conformity CoC, will be required for regulated commodities (food & medicine). All documents including packing lists must be translated into Arabic.</p> <p>Specific or sensitive humanitarian cargo, such as PPE (Personal Protection Equipment), will have to be processed & cleared by the Ministry of Interior and relevant security agencies.</p> <p>Medical shipments will have to be coordinated through the MoFA and International Health Department (IHD) of Ministry of Health (MoH).</p> <p>Kurdistan Regional Government Iraq (KRI)</p> <p>For the importation of humanitarian commodities; all regular and standard shipping documents will have to be provided. Specific documents such as Certification of Origin, Certification of Conformity etc. will be required for regulated commodities (food & medicine). All documents including packing lists have to be translated into Kurdish.</p> <p>All medical shipments will have to be coordinated & processed through the DFR, MoH and KMCA – Kurdistan Medical Control Agency.</p> <p>Specific or sensitive humanitarian cargo, such as PPE (Personal Protection Equipment), will have to be cleared by the Ministry of Interior and relevant security agencies such as the Public Security Directorate (PSD).</p> <p>(Iraq Customs Information, other sources)</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?	No
ASYREC user?	No

USEFUL LINKS

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



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Country-specific:

[*OCHA, Iraq: COVID-19 Humanitarian Bulletin \(23 July 2020\)*](#)

[*OCHA, Iraq: COVID-19 Addendum to the Humanitarian Response Plan 2020 \(21 July 2020\)*](#)

[*OCHA, Iraq Humanitarian Snapshot \(17 August 2020\)*](#)

Other links:

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

[*Bollre 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*](#)

[*Wilhemssen, 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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