

**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

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NUMBER OF COVID-19 CASES ON 7 JUNE 2020 / NOMBRE DE CAS DE COVID-19 LE 7 JUIN 2020

86**COUNTRY BRIEF / COMPTE RENDU**

Angola was included in the United Nations' 2020 COVID-19 Global Humanitarian Response Plan (GHRP), as part of the Regional Refugee Response Plans (RRPs). On 26 May, the **State of Public Disaster** was declared in Angola. A number of internal restrictions have been imposed by the government to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including:

- Recommendation that all citizens remain home, except for travel necessary and urgent;
- Public services operate between 8 a.m. at 3 p.m., in the following terms:
 - a) From the 26th of May: 50% of the workforce;
 - b) From 8 June: 75% of the workforce;
 - c) From 29 June: full restoration of the workforce.
- The sanitary closure of Luanda Province until 9 June. The borders of Luanda Province are subject to sanitary control. Public services operate from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., in following terms:
 - a) From the 26th of May: 50% of the workforce;
 - b) From 29 June: 75% of the workforce;
 - c) From 13 July: full restoration of the workforce.

(Information dated 27 May: Government of Angola)

AIRPORT STATUS / STATUT DES AEROPORTS**Airport / Flight restrictions**

Angola's borders remain closed. This may not apply to following cases:

- Return of nationals to national territory and resident foreigners;
- Travel by foreign citizens to their respective countries;
- Official trips;
- Entry and exit of cargo, goods and parcels postcards;
- Humanitarian aid;
- Medical emergencies;
- Technical scales;
- Entry and exit of diplomatic and consular personnel;
- Transfer of corpses, being admitted until two companions;
- Entries of foreign experts.

In the cases mentioned above, the competent authorities may establish the obligation of conducting pre-shipment screening tests.

(Information dated 27 May: Government of Angola; 3 June: IATA)

WFP has established a Passenger Service to support a wide range of organizations, including NGOs, UN agencies, WB and Diplomatic community, by providing air transport services for passengers within a network of strategically located hubs. More information on conditions, schedules and destinations on this [website](#).

2. Passengers / Quarantine

Passengers and airline crew who have been in China (People's Rep.), France, Iran, Italy, Korea (Rep.), Portugal or Spain are not allowed to enter Angola. This also applies to passengers and airline crew who have been in contact with people infected



by the Coronavirus (COVID-19). This does not apply to airline crew and nationals of Angola.

Residents of Angola, airline crew and nationals of Angola who arrive from or have been in China (People's Rep.), France, Iran, Italy, Korea (Rep.), Portugal or Spain will be put in quarantine.

For all passengers arriving in Angola, a completed sanitary control sheet must be presented to the National Directorate of Public Health of the Ministry of Health upon arrival.

(Information dated 7 May: IATA)

IMPORTATION AND CUSTOMS / IMPORTATION ET DOUANES

3. Customs, land, sea

All commercial borders are still open to cargo movements.

Land border and domestic cargo movement are only open to first necessity, aid, and relief cargo.

Ports are operating at reduced capacity. Ships will be subjected to health checks and may be subjected to quarantine time. Crew rotations and shore leave are not permitted.

Land border status in neighboring countries:

- Democratic Republic of the Congo: Land borders are open.
- Namibia: Land cargo movement is limited.
- Republic of the Congo: Most land borders are closed to cargo movements including the border with Angola.
- Zambia: Truck drivers with cross-border consignments undergo extensive screening at border entries.

(Information updated 8 June: Logistic Cluster)

4. Customs, importation procedure (update on 5 May 2020)

Customs delegations can operate with the entire workforce from 26 May.

The exit of national products is prohibited of the basic basket, fuel, medicines, equipment and expendable material for medical use, without prejudice to actions international humanitarian aid.

(Information dated 27 May: Government of Angola)



Update from the **Customs administrations of Angola** on measures taken to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic (21 April 2020):

- **National essential list of COVID-19 priority items:** A decree on preferential treatment for the import of medicines and essential goods to combat the pandemic is under consideration.
- **National extended HS codes based on the World Customs Organization (WCO) list:** Extensive tariff codes have not been defined. However, 80% of these are exempt from import duties and other Customs charges.
- The above-mentioned medicines and essential goods are not exempt from the previous formalities of the regulatory bodies. However, the Customs clearance of the respective goods is not conditioned, within the scope of COVID-19.
- The import of goods intended to prevent the expansion of COVID-19 are **exempt from payment of Customs duties, IVA, and fees** due to the provision of services. This only applies to import goods exclusively intended for donation and humanitarian aid, and no different use can be given to those.
- **Expedited release of Customs processes:** Previous Customs Clearance (Article 10 of the Customs Tariff) and Incomplete Declaration (Article 11 of the Customs Tariff) are two procedures adopted for Customs clearance of medicines and medical equipment.
- The import of **medicines and medical equipment requires authorization** from the National Directorate of Medicines and Medical Equipment of the Ministry of Health (DDNME/MINSA). There is a fast-track procedure for obtaining certification for the period in force, and for the purposes of donation or humanitarian aid, in 2-3 days.
- **National guidelines** exist for the importation of medicines and medical equipment.
- **Focal points within Customs administrations** to whom the shipping documents can be sent in advance:
 - Ms. Nerethz Tati – Director of Customs Services
nerethz.tati@minfin.gov.ao;
 - Mr. Francisco Sivone – Tariffs and Trade Department Manager:
francisco.sivone@minfin.gov.ao.
- There is a **procedure for the formalization/ regularization of expedited imports**. Incomplete Declaration Procedure must be done within 30 days after Customs clearance.
- **Risks related to fast-track Customs clearance** include high number of processes to be regularized; possibility of loss of probative elements essential for the audit; and uses.
- **Penalties for failure to account for or regularise importation requirements:** there are no exclusive penalties under COVID-19. However, at the end of the State of Emergency period, all import processes within the scope of this pandemic will be audited and, in the event of infractions/



transgressions, the penalties foreseen in the Customs legislation will be applied.

- Official measures/operational procedures have been **published and shared** with the relevant parties (stakeholders).
- Medicines and medical equipment may be brought into Angolan territory through **official air, sea and land borders**.
- There are **temperature regulated storage spaces** at our borders:
- At international airports: refrigerated chambers are used for the packaging of medicines and medical equipment;
- At ports and land borders: importers are advised to pack medicines and medical equipment in temperature-controlled containers during transportation. However, within the national territory, they must be connected to an energy source while the respective Customs clearance process take place.
- There are **no private bonded warehouses** (of medicines and medical equipment) in operation near international airports and sea ports.
- There is **a coordinating body** including Customs administration to facilitate quick release of relief cargo. The focal points are:
 - Ms. Nerethz Tati: nerethz.tati@minfin.gov.ao;
 - Mr. Francisco Sivone: francisco.sivone@minfin.gov.ao.
- The process for the implementation and establishment of Single stop Border Posts is in progress.
- List of the agencies and actors with whom **Customs administrations interact in the end-to-end importation process**: National Directorate of Medicines and Medical Equipment, National Council of Carriers of Angola, Maritime and Port Institute of Angola, General Inspection of Health, Criminal Investigation Service.
- The **updated list of the Authorized Economic Operators** (AEO's) is published on the [website of the Revenue Administration](#).

5. Annex J-5 of the Revised Kyoto Convention: Ratified on 23 January 2017.

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

7. ASYCUDA user: Yes.

8. ASYREC user: No.

USEFUL LINKS / LIENS UTILES

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Country-specific:

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