OBJECTIVE

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

COUNTRY BRIEF

On 1 April 2020, Mozambique declared a state of emergency across the country. It has been extended until 30 June. The following measures have also been adopted:

- Gatherings of more than 10 people are prohibited;
- Severe restriction of agglomeration in the commercial sector;
- Prohibition of all cultural and sport events or activities;
- Limitation of non-essential trips;
- Cancellation of visas;
- The use of masks on public transport and in crowded places is mandatory for all.

(Information dated 4 June: Government of Mozambique)

AIRPORT STATUS

1. Airport / Flight restrictions

Terminals are operating normally for cargo, but with reduced manpower impacting efficiency. Freighters are flying as normal.

(Information dated 18 June: Agility)

WFP has established a Passenger Service to support UN agencies, NGOs, WB and Diplomatic/Donor community, by providing air transport services within a network of strategically located hubs.

- On Tuesdays: Johannesburg – Lilongwe – Maputo – Johannesburg
- On Thursdays: Johannesburg – Maputo - Lilongwe – Johannesburg

Booking Deadlines: No booking accepted for flights scheduled to depart within 72 working hours.
More details on the Humanitarian Booking Hub.

(Information dated 18 June: WFP)

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

2. Passengers / Quarantine

Passengers arriving from countries with cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19) or who have been in contact with infected persons are subject to quarantine for 14 days.

Airline crew who disembark are subject to quarantine during their rotation/rest period of maximum of 24 hours.
As of March 9, 2020, in addition to the People's Republic of China, Italy, the Islamic Republic of Iran, South Korea, Germany, France, Spain and Denmark; passengers from the U.S.A, the Netherlands, England and Sweden must start to observe quarantine measures.

(Information dated 16 March: Ministry of Health of Mozambique)

3. Airlines status

Useful link: *International Air Transport Association (IATA) and TACT, Air Cargo Operations Status, COVID-19*

**IMPORTATION AND CUSTOMS**

3. Customs, land, sea

Port operating at limited capacities. Ships will be subjected to health checks. The crew is not permitted to leave the vessel.

Foreign truckers are subjected to restrictions into the Port of Maputo. Certain borders are operating normally; others are only allowing specific commodities.

(Information dated 15 June: Agility, Wilhelmsen)

Land border status with neighboring countries:
- **Eswatini**: Land borders are open for cargo.
- **Malawi**: Land cargo is allowed.
- **South Africa**: Cross-border land freight is restricted to food and essential items, delays to be expected.
- **Tanzania**: Land border is open for cargo movement.
- **Zimbabwe**: Land borders with Mozambique is still open for cargo movements.

(Information updated 18 June: Agility, UNECE)

4. Customs, importation procedure

Customs are operating normally.

(Information dated 18 June: Agility)
Measures to mitigate the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic:

Until 31 December 2020, and for all the economic agents and taxable persons of taxes in force in the Republic of Mozambique that are affected by the impact of COVID-19:
- Authorization of early departures to import preventive products and treatment of COVID-19, with a regularization within a maximum period of 90 days, within the referred period.
- The authorization referred to in the previous paragraph is granted by Competent Customs Services, upon confirmation the domicile of the economic agent and destination of the goods.
- The anticipated departure of goods is subject to the presentation of a term of responsibility.

Regular cargo import procedure:

Submission of Manifest:
- Sea / Air: The shipping / airport agent submits the cargo manifest to the Customs.
- Road / Rail: Until the goods arrive at the entry border, the dispatcher submits the cargo memorandum to Customs, indicating the entrance border and the customs clearance office.

Arrival of the goods and verification of the memo
- The entry border officer checks the information contained in the documentation submitted by the driver with that declared in the memo submitted via the system.
- Compliance is verified, the officer adds the details of the means of transport and goods.
  NB: In case of non-compliance, the dispatcher must correct and submit the memo.
- The manager confirms the arrival of the means of transport, in the system, prints the memo, signs, stamps and delivers it to the driver.
- The driver follows the route to the exit office.

Creation and Submission of the Declaration
- The declarant submits the declaration and makes the payment at the bank.

Customs Clearance and Registration Assignment
- The verifier processes the declaration and issues a questionnaire requesting the dispatcher print and take the single document (DU), the attachments, and the Entry filled to Customs.
- Management visualizes the DU, stamps all documents, signs the Entry and submits to INAV to obtain registration.
- The verifier inserts the registration number assigned by INAV into the declaration.
- The Registration Control (Scanner) officer attaches the Entry to the DU.
- The declaration continues to run normally for the remaining stages.

(Information dated 27 April: Government of Mozambique and Tax Revenue Authority)

7. ASYCUDA user: No.
8. ASYREC user: No.

USEFUL LINKS / LIENS UTILES

CIQP Bulletins for other countries are available here.

Country-specific:
Agility, Global Shipping Updates: COVID-19: Mozambique
Government of Mozambique, Official website
Mozambican Government, Portal on COVID-19
Republic of Mozambique, Ministry of Health, Bulletin on COVID-19 (14 June)
Republic’s Bulletin, Decree nr. 23/2020 on Customs (27 April 2020)
Tax Authority of Mozambique, General Cargo Import Regime
Tax Authority of Mozambique, Official website

OTHER LINKS

International Air Transport Association (IATA), Government Measures Related to Coronavirus (COVID-19)
International Organization for Migration (IOM), Points of entry status
International SOS, Travel Restrictions, Flight Operations and Screening
Logistics Cluster, COVID-19 cargo entry points updates
United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), Observatory on Border Crossings Status due to COVID-19

Wilhemsen, COVID-19 Global Port Restrictions Map

World Customs Organization (WCO), HS classification reference list for COVID-19 medical supplies (3.0. edition)

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

World Health Organization (WCO), Handbook for public health capacity-building at ground crossings and cross-border collaboration

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