



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

4

NUMBER OF COVID-19 CASES ON 1 JUNE 2020 / NOMBRE DE CAS DE COVID-19 LE 1 JUIN 2020

485

Latest update highlighted in **yellow color**.

COUNTRY BRIEF / COMPTE RENDU

Namibia was not included in the United Nations' 2020 COVID-19 Global Humanitarian Response Plan (GHRP).

Namibia declared a **State of Emergency to respond to the COVID-19** pandemic on 28 March **2020 which will last until 17 September**. From 1 June to 29 June, the government imposed the following measures:

- The complete lockdown of Walvis Bay;
- All 14 regions, with the exception of the Walvis Bay Local Authority Area, will transit from STAGE 2 to more moderate precautions under STAGE 3;
- Any gathering during this period may not exceed more than 50 persons;
- Some businesses are allowed to resume operations;
- People are still required to wear face masks in all public spaces. (Information updated 28 May: Government of Namibia)

Namibia has closed its borders and ports to foreign nationals and non-residents entering the country.

Stage 3 measures were lifted for the Erongo region on 6 July.

Travel between towns in the Erongo region and the rest of the country will be permitted, with the exception of Walvis Bay, Swakopmond and Arandis local authority areas; travel into and out of these areas is highly discouraged and will be restricted to emergency situations only. (Information dated 29 June: WFP Global Pax Service)

1. Airport / Flight restrictions

Aerodromes are closed to all flights. This restriction does not affect the following flights:

- Aircrafts in state of emergency;
- Cargo flights;
- Technical landing;
- Humanitarian/ Medical evacuation/ Repatriation flights;
- United Nations flights.

Excepted aircraft in state of emergency, the exempted flights are to seek pre-authorization.

(Information dated 6 July: ICAO)

Flights to Namibia are suspended until 30 September 2020. This does not apply to humanitarian, medevac and repatriation flights. (Information dated 3 July: 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](#).

Private charter flights can only land at Hosea Kutako International (WDH), which serves the capital Windhoek, and Walvis Bay International (WVB, Erongo region).



(Information updated 1 June: WFP)

2. Passengers / Quarantine (information dated 21 April 2020)

There is an entry ban in place for citizens of all countries.

All inbound and outbound travel is suspended until at least 30 June.

Namibian citizens and permanent residents will be allowed in under special conditions but will face a 14-day period of self-quarantine.

Citizens and residents are also barred from leaving during this period.

Namibian nationals and permanent residents returning to Namibia from high-risk countries are required to enter supervised quarantine in a government facility for a period of 14 days.

With effect from 30 June, the following measures will apply to all Namibians, Permanent Residence Permit holders, and certain categories of professionals with valid Work Permits who are able to travel to Namibia: on arrival, all such persons must submit a COVID-19 PCR test and enter mandatory government-supervised quarantine at their own cost for a period of 14 days, or apply to be quarantined at the cost of the Government.

(Information updated 29 June: WFP)

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3. Customs, land, sea

Namibian Ports are still operational. Ships will be subjected to health checks and may be subjected to quarantine. Crew rotations are permitted under certain conditions. (Information dated 25 June, Wilhelmsen) Shore leave are permitted under certain conditions.

(Information dated 11 May: Logistic Cluster)

Air cargo is not allowed. (Information dated 11 May: Bollore Logistics, Wilhelmsen)

Status of land borders with neighboring countries:

- Angola: Land border and domestic cargo movement are only open to first necessity, aid, and relief cargo.
- Botswana: Only essential cargo allowed to cross land borders.
- South Africa: Cross-border land freight restricted to food and essential items, delays to be expected. Truckers must wait for police escorts at certain crossing points causing significant delays.
- Zambia: Truck drivers with cross-border consignments undergo extensive screening at border entries. Truckers from Namibia entering Zambia via Katima are being quarantined for 14 days.

(Information updated 2 May: Logistic Cluster)

List of border checkpoints that are operational and operating times:



(Information dated 21 April: Namibian Customs):

Entry/Exit point	Working hours
Division: Central Region	
Hosea Kutako International Airport	Depends on Flight Schedules
Eros Airport	08H00 - 17H00
Transklahari Border Post	07H00 - 24H00
Division: Northern East Region	
Katwitwi Border Post	08H00 - 19H00
Sarusungu Border Post	08H00 - 17H00
Katima Mulilo (Wenela) Border Post	06H00 - 18H00
Ngoma Border Post	07H00 - 18H00
Mohembo Border Post	06H00 - 18H00
Division: Southern Region	
Ariamsvlei and Noordoewer Border posts	24/7
Luderitz Harbour	08H00 - 17H00
Division Northern Region	
Oshikango Border Post	08H00 - 19H00
Kashamane Border Post	08H00 - 19H00
Omahenene Border Post	08H00 - 19H00
Division: Western Region	
Walvis Bay Airport	Closed
Walvis bay Harbour	07H00-22H00

Air Freight: Bay Air is operational ex Eros to JNB daily * cargo size is limited as well as capacity. Can connect from ORT to various destinations.

Sea Freight: Namport is fully operational and shipping lines are accommodating import and export cargo. Covid 19 restrictions in place.

Road Freight: Operational - Covid 19 restrictions in place. Can offer Road to Air Service via JNB. Corridor network in operation and all drivers being screened and processes being followed and various stops and checkpoints through the route. (Daily traffic restrictions, Bollore Logistics, undated)

4. Customs, importation procedure

Namibian Customs information:

- No clearance of non-commercial cargo at the borders.
- All commercial cargo carrying trucks must present certificate issued by the Ministry of Industrialization and Trade permitting them to operate during the lockdown period.
- At Hosea Kutako International Airport, the Air Traffic Controllers communicate with Namibia Airport Company (NAC) about any arrivals/departures and in return NAC communicates with all relevant stakeholders to report on duty one hour before landing/departure of any flight.
- Screening of accompanied baggage done jointly with Namibian Police using sniffer dogs as baggage are not allowed to enter the terminal where Customs and Excise scanner is situated.

**Special measures related to COVID-19**

- Emergency supplies are given priority as per internal notice letter dated 27 March 2020, signed by the Acting Commissioner: Customs and Excise for the Exemption of Customs Duties and Rapid Release of Medical Equipment and Clinical Supplies by Customs and Excise, Schedule 4, rebate Item 412.11 of the Customs and Excise Act, 1998 (Act No. 20 of 1998).
- At Airports, emergency supplies meant for COVID-19 are pre-released in consultation with relevant stakeholders such as Namibia Medicine Regulatory Council (NMRC), Namibia Standards Institute (NSI), National Emergency Response and Ground Handlers to curb on importation of fake medical supplies.

5. Annex J-5 of the Revised Kyoto Convention: Not accepted.

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

7. ASYCUDA user: Yes.

8. ASYREC user: No.

USEFUL LINKS / LIENS UTILES

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

Country-specific:

COVID-19 Namibia, [Website](#)

Namibia Customs and Excise, [Measures to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

Republic of Namibia: Office of the President, [Website](#)

The Presidency of Namibia, [Statement by His Excellency The President Dr. Hage G. Geingob \(28 May 2020\)](#)

OTHER LINKS

International Air Transport Association (IATA), [Government Measures Related to Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), [COVID-19 airport status](#)

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, [Global Humanitarian Response Plan: COVID-19](#)

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(Bulletin on Customs, Immigration and Quarantine Procedures)

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 \(2.1. edition\)](#)

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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