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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

42

NUMBER OF COVID-19 CASES ON 06 JULY 2020 / NOMBRE DE CAS DE COVID-19 LE 06 JUILLET 2020

28 711

Latest update highlighted in yellow color.

COUNTRY BRIEF / COMPTE RENDU

In order to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the government and local authorities have taken the following measures:

- A national curfew from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m.;
- Restrictions on mass gatherings and sporting activities;
- Mandatory use of non-medical facemasks in public spaces;

Relaxation in restrictions:

- Allowing movement across state boundaries only outside curfew hours from 1 July.

(Information dated 30 June: Presidential Task Force on COVID-19)

1. Airport / Flight restrictions

Domestic flight operations are resuming in Nigeria, as follows:

- Abuja & Lagos Airports will reopen on July 8, 2020;
- Kano, Port Harcourt, Owerri & Maiduguri: July 11, 2020;
- Other Airports: July 15, 2020.

(Information dated 1 July: Federal Ministry of Aviation in Nigeria)

International flights to Nigeria are suspended. This does not apply to nationals and residents of Nigeria.

(Information dated 25 June: IATA)

Extension of the closure of airports to domestic and international flights due to COVID-19 pandemic, with the exception of aircraft in a state of emergency, however approval may be requested and granted to:

- Overflights;
- Operations related to humanitarian aid;
- Medical relief flights;
- Alternate aerodrome in the flight plan and also those being used for extended diversion time operation;
- Technical landing where passengers do not disembark;
- Cargo flights and other safety related operations.

Request shall be addressed to Honourable Minister of Aviation. E-mail: hadisirika@gmail.com.

(Information dated 19 June 2020: ICAO)



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Cargo flights are allowed. No restrictions in place.

(Information dated 28 May: IATA TACT)

WFP Global Pax Service schedules: West and Central Africa (Accra): On Thursdays and Saturdays: **Abuja**, Ndjamena, Niamey, Ouagadougou, Bamako, Bangui and Yaoundé.

More details on the <u>Humanitarian Booking Hub</u>.

(Information dated 6 July 2020: WFP)

Useful link:

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

2. Passengers / Quarantine

Nationals and residents of Nigeria:

- Must complete a Health Declaration Form;
- Must have a medical certificate with a negative Coronavirus (COVID-19) test result issued at most 5 days before arrival;
- Are subject to quarantine for 14 days;
- Residence permits which have expired on 22 March 2020 or later, are considered valid.

(Information dated 25 June: IATA)

3. Airlines cargo operations status

Useful link:

International Air Transport Association (IATA) and TACT, <u>Air Cargo</u>
Operations Status, COVID-19

IMPORTATION AND CUSTOMS / IMPORTATION ET DOUANES

3. Customs, land, sea

Sea freight

Nigerian ports are fully operational. Only clearing of essential cargo, only from seaports of entry. Kindly be advised that only cargo where the consignee can provide an exemption letter from Federal Government proving essential cargo status will be handled.

Port Harcourt is in full lockdown, clearing activities are limited at present due to staff movement issues.



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(Information updated 7 July: Bolloré Logistics)

All trade vessels will go through temperature check and screening by port health.

(Information dated 5 June: Wilhelmsen)

Road

Land Borders remain closed to passenger traffic and non-essential travel while import and export of essential items are allowed.

(Information dated 19 May 2020: Nigeria Customs Service (NCS))

Cross-border movement of goods

Status of the land borders with neighbouring countries:

- Benin: Roads are only open to cargo transportation;
- Niger: All commercial borders are still open to cargo movements;
- Chad: Land borders are open to cargo movements;
- Cameroon: Land borders remain open. Trucking operating as normal.

(Information updated 7 July: Bolloré Logistics)

Free movement of health and food related cargos, after due inspection by relevant agencies. A Task Force on Free Movement of Agricultural Products has been established to facilitate the movement of related goods into and within the Country.

(Information dated 19 May: Nigeria Customs Service (NCS))

4. Customs, importation procedure

Information dated 19 May 2020: Nigeria Customs Service (NCS):

- Priority clearance for essential COVID-19 medical supplies import items;
- Waiver on all medical supplies and equipment;
- Re-opening of agricultural export operations while observing all the protocols and guidelines as stipulated by the Presidential Task Force on COVID-19 and the Centre for Disease Control.

Information dated 29 April 2020: Nigeria Customs Service (NCS): Fiscal Policy Measures on Health and Medical Supplies to Abate the Spread of COVID-19 Pandemic in Nigeria:



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- The items on the list below are exempted from payment for import duty and Value-Added Tax (VAT) for a period of 6 months from the 1 May 2020.
- All controllers at all entry points are to ensure the expedited release of all the items listed in line with Standard Operating Procedures.

Categories	Product	Remarks	HS	
Categories	Description	Kemarks	Classification	
I.COVID-19 Test Kit/ Instruments and apparatus used in diagnostic Test	COVID-19 Test Kit	Diagnostic reagents based on polymerase (PCR) nucleic acid test	3822.00.00.00	
	COVID-19 Test Kit	Diagnostic reagents based on immunological reactions	3002.10.00.00 3002.20.00.00	
	COVID-19 Test Kit	Instruments used in clinical laboratories for in vitro diagnosis	9027.80.00.00	
II.Protective garments and				
the like	Gas masks with mechanical parts or replaceable filters for protection against biological agents Also includes such masks incorporating eye protection or facial shield		9020.00.00.00	
	Protective spectacle	s and goggles	9004.90.90.00	
	Plastic face shields (covering more than the eye area)		3926.20.00.00	
	Gloves			
	Plastic gloves		3926.20.00.00	
	Surgical rubber gloves		4015.11.00.00	
	Other rubber gloves		4015.19.00.00	
	Knitted or Crocheted gloves which have been impregnated or covered with plastics or rubber		6116.1000.00	
	Textile gloves that are mot knitted or crocheted		6216.00.00.00	
	Other			
	Disposable hair nets		6s05.00.10.00	
	Protective garments for surgical/medical use made up of felt or nonwovens whether or not impregnated, coated, covered or laminated (fabrics of heading 56.02 or 56.03) This includes spun-bounded garments		6210,10.00.00	



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	Other protective garments of textiles or rubberized textile fabrics or woven fabrics that are impregnated, coated, covered or laminated (fabrics of headings 59.03, 59.06 or 59.07) Actual classification will depend on type of garment and if for males or females. Example: a unisex full body woven suit impregnated with plastics would be classified under 6210.50 Other women's or girl's garments.		6210.20.00.00 6210.30.00.00 6210.40.00.00 6210.50.00.00
	Protective garments made from plastic sheeting		3926.20.00.00
III. Thermometers	Liquid filled thermometer for direct reading	Includes standard "Mercury-in-glass" clinical thermometer	9025.11.00.00
	Other thermometers	For example, digital thermometers, or infrared thermometers for placing on the forehead	9025.19.00.00
IV.Desinfectants / sterilization products	Other disinfectant preparations	Put up in forms of Packing for retail sale such as rubs and wipes impregnated with alcohol or other disinfectants	3808.94.10.00 3808.94.90.00
	Medical. Surgical or Laboratory sterilizers	Function by steam or boiling water	8419.20.00.00
	Other chemical disinfectants	Put in forms of packing for retail sale as disinfectants or as disinfectant preparations, contain in g alcohol benzalkonium, chloride solution or peroxyacids, or other disinfectants	3808.94.90.00
	Computed tomography (CT) Scanners	Uses a rotating X-ray machine to image thin slices of the body to diagnose diseases such as pneumonia	9022.12.00.00
	Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (EcMO)	Provides prolonged cardiac and respiratory support by removing blood from the person's body and artificially	9018.90.00.00



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	removing the carbon dioxide and oxygenating blood cells	
Medical ventilators (artificial Respiration apparatus)	Provides mechanical ventilation by moving breathable air into and out of lungs	9019.20.00.00
Other oxygen therapy apparatus including oxygen tents	As well as complete oxygen therapy apparatus, this subheading also covers recognizable parts of such systems	9019.20.00.00
Patient monitoring devices Electrodiagnostic apparatus	Electrical or electronic equipment for the observation of a disease, condition or one or several medical parameters over time. This includes such devices as pulse oximeters or bedside monitoring stations used for continuous monitoring of various vital signs. (Note: this does not include devices specifically covered elsewhere e.g. electrocardiographs (9018.11.00.00) or electronic thermometers	9018.19.00.00
Flowmeter, Thorpe tube for oxygen 0-151/min	The Thorpe tube flowmeter is composed of inlet and outlet ports, a regulator, a valve and a clear tapered measuring tube. It is suitable for connection with various medical gas sources, such as centralized systems, cylinders, concentrators or compressors. Standard (absolute, noncompensated) and	9026.80.00.00
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		flowmeter versions,	
		suitable for specific flow	
		ranges	
	Medical suction	Used to clear the airway of	9018.90.00.00
	pumps	bodily secretions	
VI.Medical	Wadding, gauze,	Impregnated or coated	3005.90,00.00
Consumables	bandages, cotton	with pharmaceutical	
	sticks and similar	substances or put up in	
	articles	forms or packing for retail	
		sale for medical use	
	Tubular metal		9018.32.00.00
	needles and		
	needles for		
	sutures		
	Needles,		9018.39.00.00
	Catherters,		
	Cannulae and the		
	like		
	Intubation Kits		9018.90.00.00
	Paper bed sheets		4818.90.00.00

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

6. Annex B.9 of the Istanbul Convention: Accepted on 10 June 1993.

7. ASYCUDA user: Yes.

8. ASYREC user: No.

USEFUL LINKS / LIENS UTILES

CIQP Bulletins for other countries are available here.

Country-specific:

Nigeria Customs Services (NCS), Website

Presidential Task Force on COVID-19, <u>Updated implementation guidelines for</u> extension of lockdown (30 June 2020)

The Statehouse, Abuja, Website

OTHER LINKS

Bolloré Logistics, COVID-19 Impact Update



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International Air Transport Association (IATA), <u>Government Measures Related to Coronavirus</u> (COVID-19)

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

International Organization for Migration (IOM), Points of entry status

International SOS, Travel Restrictions, Flight Operations and Screening

Logistics Cluster, <u>COVID-19 cargo entry points updates</u>

United Nations, Global Humanitarian Response Plan: COVID-19

United Nations, Global Humanitarian Response Plan: COVID-19, May Update

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), <u>Observatory on Border Crossings</u>
<u>Status due to COVID-19</u>

Wilhemnsen, COVID-19 Global Port Restrictions Map

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

World Customs Organization (WCO), <u>List of national legislation of countries that adopted</u> temporary export restrictions on certain categories of critical medical supplies in response to <u>COVID-19</u>

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

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

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