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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.

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COVID-19 CASES
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ON 26 MAY 2020
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2020****735****COUNTRY BRIEF / COMPTE RENDU**

Sierra Leone was included in the United Nations' 2020 COVID-19 Global Humanitarian Response Plan (GHRP) May update.

A state of emergency was declared on 25 March 2020, until March 2021. In order to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the government and local authorities have taken the following measures:

- All inter-district movement is prohibited indefinitely except for certified essential workers;
- An indefinite curfew is being observed between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- Essential travellers and workers need to fill in an electronic pass (E-pass, website) before setting out;
- All events gathering more than 100 people are banned;
- It is compulsory to wear a facemask when in public spaces;
(Information updated 26 May: International SOS and Government)

1. Airport / Flight restrictions

- Air borders are still open to cargo movements.
(Information dated 11 May: Logistic Cluster)
- All scheduled flight to and from Freetown International Airport are suspended. Cargo, medical evacuation, emergency, Red Cross, charter and special flights are allowed to operate. Crew members must remain on board and stopovers are shortened.
(Information dated 21 March: ICAO)
- 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 who have transited through or have been in any country with 50 or more confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the past 14 days are required to enter facility quarantine for maximum 14 days.
- Passengers who have transited through or have been in any country with less than 50 confirmed cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the past 14 days are required to undergo home quarantine for maximum 14 days.
(Information dated 26 March: IATA)

**IMPORTATION AND CUSTOMS / IMPORTATION ET DOUANES****3. Customs, land, sea**

- All commercial borders are still open to cargo movements.
- International ports remain operational for freight only. Ships will be subjected to health checks and may be subjected to quarantine time. Crew rotations are not permitted.
(Information dated 11 May: Logistic Cluster)
- Status at borders with neighbouring countries:
 - Guinea: The land border is closed.
 - Liberia: All commercial borders are still open to cargo movements.

(Information updated on 27 May: Logistic Cluster)

4. Customs, importation procedure

No information is available as of 27 May 2020.

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:

Government of Sierra Leone, [Website of the Statehouse](#)

National Revenue Authority (NRA) of Sierra Leone, [Website](#)

Revenue and Tax Policy Unit, [Presentation on Duty and Tax Exemptions Guidelines \(22 June 2018\)](#)

UNICEF, [COVID-19 Situation Report 1-17 May](#)



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(Bulletin on Customs, Immigration and Quarantine Procedures)

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](#)

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](#)

Wilhemnsen, [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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