



### 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 08 JUNE 2020 / NOMBRE DE CAS DE COVID-19 LE 08 JUIN 2020

**279**

Latest update highlighted in **yellow color**.

### COUNTRY BRIEF / COMPTE RENDU

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

On 18 March 2020, the President of Zimbabwe classified the COVID-19 outbreak as a "**Natural Disaster**". The following measures have been put in place to respond to the pandemic:

- **Nationwide lockdown until further notice;**
- During this period, people are only allowed to leave their home to purchase necessary supplies such as food and medicine as well as to seek medical care. Exceptions may be applied to farmers delivering their products to markets and citizens bringing remittances from abroad;
- Interdiction of gathering of more than 100 people;
- People are required to wear masks outside their homes;
- From 4 May, some internal restrictions will ease. Formal companies will be allowed to operate from 08.00 to 15.00.

### AIRPORT STATUS / STATUT DES AEROPORTS

#### 1. Airport / Flight restrictions

- Airports are closed, with the exception of Joshua Mqabuko Nkomo International Airport (BUQ); Robert Gabriel Mugabe Airport (HRE); and Victoria Falls Airport (VFA) for the following flights:
  - Flights carrying staff for essential services or sick persons to hospitals and other health care providers (COVID-19 cargo charter flights permitted to land);
  - Flights carrying a member of the staff of a foreign mission or agency going to or from such mission or agency, or a citizen, resident or protected subject of a foreign country going to or from a foreign mission of the country of which he or she is the citizen, resident or subject, for the purpose of obtaining services or assistance at such mission;
  - Flights carrying police, defence forces personnel and other enforcement officers.  
(Information dated 19 May: 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

- Travelers arriving from countries with confirmed COVID-19 cases will be subject to medical screening upon arrival. Travelers arriving from countries



with local transmission cases (as referenced by the WHO) are advised to self-quarantine for a period of 21 days.

- Travelers with signs and symptoms of COVID-19 will be subject to immediate isolation at a medical facility upon arrival.
- All travelers should obtain a medical certificate proving that they are clear of COVID-19 prior to travel to Zimbabwe; there is potential, based on a passenger's nationality and recent travel history, that they may be asked at immigration to produce such a certificate in order to be granted entry.
- Authorities have asked travelers who have recently been to or are arriving from countries such as China, Iran, Italy and South Korea, to suspend travel to Zimbabwe, as they are likely to be refused entry. For profile and itinerary-specific information, travelers are advised to contact the relevant airline, or the nearest Zimbabwean Embassy.
- Anyone accompanying dead bodies of relatives from outside the country must undergo quarantine for 21 days before the burial. The same applies to cases where the body is transiting through Mozambique.  
(Information updated 9 June: WFP)

## IMPORTATION AND CUSTOMS / IMPORTATION ET DOUANES

### 3. Customs, land, sea

- Land borders are still open for cargo movements.
- All cross-border cargo transport will be subjected to health screenings.
- Customs operating at limited capacity.  
(Information dated 20 May: Logistic Cluster)

- Land border status with neighbouring countries:
  - Botswana: Only essential cargo allowed to cross land borders. Drivers will be tested when crossing the border but will not have to wait for the result at the border.
  - Mozambique: Certain borders are operating normally; others are only allowing specific commodities. Foreign truckers subjected to transshipment.
  - 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.

(Information updated 9 June: Logistic Cluster)

### 3. Customs, importation procedure

**Temporary export ban on medical supplies used in the treatment of COVID-19:** No person shall export or attempt to export from Zimbabwe medical supplies needed to combat COVID-19 unless the exporter or other person in charge of the consignment for export of such supplies produces to a revenue, customs or enforcement officer a



certificate issued by or under the authority of the Minister of the effect that such supplies are in excess of what is required in Zimbabwe to combat the disease.

Rebate of duty on essential goods imported for the fight against corona virus disease (COVID-19)

A rebate of duty may be granted on essential goods imported for the fight against corona virus disease (COVID-19). The commodity codes for the essential goods are as follows:

<b>Heading No.</b>	<b>Commodity Code</b>	<b>Description of goods</b>
22.07	2207.10.90	Undenatured ethyl alcohol of an alcoholic strength by volume of 80% vol. or higher.
22.08	2208.90.99	Other undenatured ethyl alcohol of an alcoholic strength by volume of less than 80% vol.; spirits, liqueurs and other spirituous beverages not elsewhere specified.
28.47	2847.00.00	Hydrogen peroxide, whether or not solidified with urea.
30.02	3002.15.00	Immunological products, put up in measured doses or in forms or packings for retail sale.
30.04	3004.90.90	Other medicaments (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06) consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic uses, put up in measured doses (including those in the form of transdermal administration systems) or in forms or packings for retail sale not elsewhere specified.
30.05	3005.90.90	Other wadding, gauze, bandages and similar articles (for example, dressings, adhesive plasters, poultices), impregnated or coated with pharmaceutical substances or put up in forms or packings for retail sale for medical, surgical, dental or veterinary purposes not elsewhere specified.
38.08		Disinfectants
	3808.94.10	In containers exceeding 20 L or 5 Kg (H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> put up as cleaning solutions for surfaces or apparatus).
	3808.94.90	Other (H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Put up in forms or packings for retail sale as disinfectants or as disinfectant preparations, containing alcohol, benzalkonium chloride solution or peroxyacids, or other disinfectants).



	3808.94.10	In containers exceeding 20 L or 5 Kg (Hand sanitizer).
	3808.94.90	Other (Hand sanitizer and other disinfectant preparations).
38.22	3822.00.00	Diagnostic or laboratory reagents on a backing, prepared diagnostic or laboratory reagents whether or not on a backing, other than those of heading 30.02 or 30.06; certified reference materials.
39.26	3926.20.10	Gloves, mittens and mitts.
	3926.20.90	Other articles of apparel and clothing accessories.
40.15	4015.11.00	Surgical.
	4015.19.10	Other latex examination gloves, whether or not sterilized.
	4015.19.90	Other gloves.
48.18	4818.90.00	Other toilet paper and similar paper, cellulose wadding or webs of cellulose fibres, of a kind used for household or sanitary purposes, in rolls of a width not exceeding 36 cm, or cut to size or shape; handkerchiefs, cleansing tissues, towels, tablecloths, serviettes, bed sheets and similar household, sanitary or hospital articles, articles of apparel and clothing accessories, of paper pulp, paper, cellulose wadding or webs of cellulose fibres.
61.16	6116.10.00	Impregnated, coated or covered with plastics or rubber.
62.10	6210.10.00	Garments of fabrics of heading 56.02 or 56.03.
	6210.20.00	Other garments, of the type described in subheadings 6201.11 to 6201.19.
	6210.30.00	Other garments, of the type described in subheadings 6202.11 to 6202.19.
	6210.40.00	Other men's or boys' garments.
	6210.50.00	Other women's or girls' garments.
62.16	6216.00.00	Gloves, mittens and mitts.
63.07	6307.90.00	Other made up articles, including dress patterns not elsewhere specified.
65.05	6505.00.00	Hats and other headgear, knitted or crocheted, or made up from lace, felt or other textile fabric, in the piece (but



		not in strips), whether or not lined or trimmed; hair-nets of any material, whether or not lined or trimmed.
84.19	8419.20.00	Medical, surgical or laboratory sterilizers.
90.04	9004.90.20	Of a kind designed for the protection of the eyes of industrial workers.
	9004.90.90	Other spectacles, goggles and the like, corrective, protective or other not elsewhere specified.
90.18	9018.19.00	Other electro-diagnostic apparatus (including apparatus for functional exploratory examination or for checking physiological parameters).
	9018.31.00	Syringes, with or without needles.
	9018.32.10	Fistula needles.
	9018.32.90	Tubular metal needles and needles for sutures.
	9018.39.00	Other needles, catheters, cannulae and the like.
	9018.90.00	Other instruments and appliances.
90.19	9019.20.00	Ozone therapy, oxygen therapy, aerosol therapy, artificial respiration or other therapeutic respiration apparatus.
90.20	9020.00.00	Other breathing appliances and gas masks, excluding protective masks having neither mechanical parts nor replaceable filters.
90.22	9022.12.00	Computed tomography apparatus.
90.25	9025.11.00	Thermometers and pyrometers, not combined with other instruments liquid-filled, for direct reading.
	9025.19.00	Other thermometers and pyrometers, not combined with other instruments.
90.27	9027.80.00	Other instruments and apparatus”.

**Who is eligible?**

Any person or organization that is registered with the Zimbabwe Revenue Authority and has proof of that registration in the form of a Business Partner Number.

**Application procedure**

Prior to importation of the goods, the importer shall apply in writing to the Commissioner at the ZIMRA office nearest to where he is resident and submit the following:



- Full names, or the full corporate name, the registered office address, and if different, the physical postal address of the place of business and Business Partner Number;
- Suppliers' invoice/donation letter with the full description of goods, values, quantities including, where applicable, identification (serial) numbers
- Possible HS classification for the goods;
- A valid tax clearance certificate and proof of registration with ZIMRA;
- A written undertaking by the importer to the effect that the goods are for fight against corona virus (COVID-19).

Upon fulfilling the above conditions, a rebate letter will be issued by the Commissioner.

How are the goods cleared?

The goods shall be cleared at the Customs office nearest to the premises of the importer and should be done through a ZIMRA registered clearing agent.

The Customs Procedure Code is 060.

More information is available [here](#).

**5. Annex J-5 of the Revised Kyoto Convention:** Accepted on 10 February 2003.

**6. Annex B.9 of the Istanbul Convention:** Accepted on 17 November 1992.

**7. ASYCUDA user:** Yes.

**8. ASYREC user:** No.

## USEFUL LINKS / LIENS UTILES

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

*Country-specific:*

*Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, [Customs and Excise \(No. 101\)](#)*

*Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, [Customs and Excise \(No. 3\)](#)*

*Zimbabwe Revenue Authority (ZIMRA), [Website](#)*

*Zimbabwe, [The Official Zimbabwe Government Portal](#)*

*General:*

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





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