



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

39

NUMBER OF COVID-19 CASES ON 5 JULY 2020 / NOMBRE DE CAS DE COVID-19 LE 5 JUILLET 2020

159,679

Latest updates highlighted in **yellow**.

COUNTRY BRIEF / COMPTE RENDU

Bangladesh was included in the United Nations' 2020 COVID-19 Global Humanitarian Response Plan (GHRP), with no specific response plan; under 'Other'. A needs analysis and gaps analysis were conducted and a response approach will be implemented.

"Given the highly congested conditions in all of the refugee camps in Bangladesh, and the high levels of vulnerabilities among the population, the severity of the possible impact of the virus on refugees is of major concern."

Internal government-imposed restrictions have been further extended until 3 August. Curfew hours are between 22:00-05:00 daily. All non-essential travel remains prohibited. Wearing a face mask and social distancing in public places is compulsory. A ban on rallies, meetings, and mass gatherings remains in place. Bangladesh authorities have suspended train services to and from India until further notice. Under the new traffic light system, the Government has classified Cox's Bazar town as a red zone and placed specific lockdown restrictions on the area. All shops are closed except for food markets which will be limited to opening on Sundays and Thursdays only. Access to the Rohingya camps via Cox's Bazar town is likely to be affected. Offices and other workplaces are permitted to operate on a limited scale subject to their compliance with several health and hygiene directives.

AIRPORT STATUS / STATUT DES AEROPORTS

1. Airport / Flight restrictions (updated 29 June 2020).

All scheduled international commercial passenger flights to/from Bahrain, Bhutan, Hong Kong, India, Kuwait, Malaysia, Maldives, Nepal, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Singapore and Thailand shall not be allowed to land at any airport in Bangladesh until further notice.

This does not apply to cargo flights, technical stops (without crew rest) medical evacuation flights, relief flights or any other emergency flights as approved by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) of Bangladesh. Humanitarian relief, repatriation, citizen evacuation and diplomatic flight requests shall be made to the CAA of Bangladesh through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

All domestic passenger flights are allowed to operate.

(source: ICAO, 29 June 2020; Bollere Logistics, undated)

2. Passengers / Quarantine (updated 6 July 2020).

Foreign nationals on international flights who have a valid visa must show a medical certificate (with English translation) obtained within 72 hours of travel, on arrival, indicating that he/she is COVID-19 negative. This does not apply to passengers with a diplomatic or official passport and their family members. This does not apply to passengers with a *Laissez-Passer* and their family members.

A completed "Health Declaration Form" must be presented upon arrival. Passengers are subject to medical screening and quarantine.

The suspension of visa-on-arrival facilities still applies. This does not apply to passengers traveling for business reasons with a return/onward ticket. They must have a confirmation letter issued by the Bangladesh Board of Investment (BOI). The letter must contain a BOI registration number. The accredited inviting organization must notify the Immigration



authorities prior to arrival and have a medical certificate with a negative COVID-19 test issued at most 72 hours before arrival.

(source: IATA, 6 July 2020)

3. Airlines cargo Operations status (updated 5 July 2020).

Flights are available through Bangladesh Biman airlines. Charter flights are available between Dhaka (Bangladesh) and Rome (Italy) in July 2020. More information can be found on the Bangladesh Biman [website](#).

(source: IATA, 5 July 2020).

IMPORTATION AND CUSTOMS / IMPORTATION ET DOUANES

4. Customs, land, sea (updated 6 July 2020)

All Customs points are operational with limited scale as there are a limited number of truckers and Customs officers on duty. Priority will be given to the clearance of food, medicine and medical equipment.

Transportation of import/export goods by railways, land and sea are still allowed during the lockdown period.

(source: Bollere Logistics, undated)

At Dhaka and Chittagong ports:

- At Airports, terminals are operating as normal for cargo and freighters are flying at normal but capacity is constrained;
- Sea ports are open for cargo but operating at lower efficiency due to manpower reductions;
- Road networks are operating as normal within cities, however reintroduction of restrictions after the 'traffic light system' zoning of areas is expected to have some impact on business and traffic movement. Road cargo movement between cities is normal.

(source: Agility, undated)

Chittagong port handles roughly 80% of all imports into the country and has been experiencing severe delays due to epidemic-related complications, in part due to the lack of availability of laborers, drivers, equipment operators and other staff. Feeder frequencies inbound/outbound are irregular. Chittagong Port Authorities have reduced the frequencies of feeders; the current estimated berthing time and average berthing delay is 12-13 days. This has severely impacted cargo importation into the country. At Dhaka Airport and Chittagong air/sea port, normal documentation processing times are delayed by 4-5 days due to a reduction in staff.

(source: Logistics Sector, 20 April 2020; Bollere Logistics, undated)

5. Customs, importation procedure: (updated 3 July 2020)

Importation procedure:



As per a notice issued by the Directorate General of Drug Administration (DGDA) on 31 March 2020, the following certificates should be submitted at the time of requesting a No Objection Certificate (NOC) for imported PPE/Medical items:

- Free Sales Certificate (FSC);
- CE Marking Certificate;
- Certificates: ISO-13485 and ISO-9001-2015;
- Certificate of Analysis (COA);
- For PPE Production and Quality Control must follow WHO-PAHO Guideline/Specification;
- Required Treasury Challan Form (Original Challan BDT 2000.00 Tk. and 15% VAT on Original Challan= BDT 300.00 Tk.);
- After clearance of Imported Cargo, 02x Sample copies of each item must be submitted to Directorate General of Drug Administration to receive “Utilization Certificate”;
- Without “Utilization Certificate” cleared Import cargos (Medicines and Medical Devices) are not allowed to supply and use.

However, Logistics and Procurement Pillar members requested DGHS to simplify the clearance process for the COVID-19 crisis.

Various Customs orders are in place in Bangladesh:

- An office order has been issued to continue customs activities on a limited scale in all customs offices during the lockdown so as to release medicine, medical equipment, foods, etc.
- An office order has been issued to accept documents in soft copy when assessing goods imported from China. It is under consideration for other Countries as well.
- All Customs officers are ordered to stay in their respective customs Stations/Houses to address any emergency situation.
- All customs Stations/Houses have also taken initiatives to alert their staff to follow the guidelines of WHO, while working in the desk and/or dealing with the stakeholders at the port or/and the airport.

(source: WCO, 3 April 2020)

On 24 April 2020, Statutory Regulatory Order-92 was listed by the National Board of Revenue, Bangladesh. The SRO contained various items of medical and protective equipment relating to COVID-19 that have been exempted from various regulations and taxes. This SRO was active from 22 March 2020 until 30 June 2020; it no longer applies for the various items listed on the SRO.

(source: WTO, 3 July 2020; National Board of Review, 24 April 2020)

6. Annex J-5 of the Revised Kyoto Convention: 27 September 2012

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

8. ASYCUDA user: Yes

9. ASYREC user: No

**USEFUL LINKS / LIENS UTILES**

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

Country-specific:

Agility, [Country Updates: Bangladesh](#)

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World Customs Organization, [Bangladesh Best Practices \(3 April 2020\)](#)

General:

Agility, [Global Shipping Updates: COVID-19](#)

[Bollore Logistics, COVID-19 Impact Update](#)

International Air Transport Association (IATA), [Coronavirus Outbreak – Update](#)

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

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World Customs Organization, [COVID-19 – WCO Updates](#)



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