OBJECTIVE

This document provides a situational update on airport status and Customs entry points during the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 CASES

Number of COVID-19 cases on the date of the GHRP: 3
Number of COVID-19 cases on 2 September 2020: 938

COUNTRY BRIEF

Myanmar was included in the United Nations' 2020 COVID-19 Global Humanitarian Response Plan (GHRP), with a Humanitarian Response Plan. The plan took note of major restrictions in the country:

“The situation in Myanmar is precarious. Going forward, existing access restrictions... will likely persist. Other challenges include limited medical supplies, insufficient health staff, and crowded IDP camps where the virus could spread rapidly.”

The government has imposed a number of restrictions on residents. A curfew is in place in various regions at varying times. A stay at home order is in place in Yangon, where restrictions include: residents must remain at their homes unless they are essential workers. Domestic flights have gradually resumed operations from 1 May 2020. Myanmar has also been experiencing ongoing floods and landslides since June 2020. Please see here for more information.

IMPORTATION MEASURES TO RESPOND TO COVID-19

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| What is the status of international flights? | All inbound international passenger and commercial flights into Myanmar are suspended until a further extended deadline of 30 September 2020. This does not apply to:  
  • Medical evacuation flights; |
**What is the airlines cargo operational status?**

(source: IATA, 27 August 2020).

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Some manual processes have been suspended and most shipments are assigned to the yellow channel, meaning that they are subject to fewer inspections. (source: WFP, various).

### Sea freight:

Port operations are functioning normally, with 1-2 day delays in vessel berthing. There is no impact on shipping-lines operations. In terms of shipping restrictions for vessels whose previous port call was from COVID-19 high-risk countries:

- Various restrictions apply at different ports in terms of crew change, shore leave and quarantine. For more information, please visit Wilhelmsen.

Yangon Regional Government has now imposed a curfew from 10 pm to 4 am until further notice: **trucks are unable to operate on the road and there may be delays in cargo discharging** for direct delivery vessels.

(source: various, Wilhelmsen, 27 August 2020).

At Yangon Seaport, there are no restrictions on sea cargo imports or exports in Myanmar.

### At Land Border Points:

- **Thailand-Myanmar:** Truck and Customs operations are as normal at Myawaddy.
- **China-Myanmar:** a reduced number of trucks are operating at the Muse border crossing point and only cargo trucks are allowed to cross the border. Drivers who are from Myanmar must wait at transit points for Chinese drivers to take over the truck for off-loading of cargo. Customs are operating as normal.
- **India-Myanmar:** Tamu border crossing point remains closed.

(WFP, 7 May 2020).

Land borders with Bangladesh, China, India, Laos and Thailand are closed until further notice, however these borders remain open for trade/cargo movement, excluding the restriction(s) listed above.

Truck operations are delayed due to curfew measures. There are truck driver shortages due to curfews and quarantines imposed by regional and state governments.

(International SOS, undated).
OTHER

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<td>What is the availability of UNHAS flights to the country?</td>
<td><strong>Yangon</strong> – As per the new regulations from the Myanmar Authorities, passengers are required to obtain clearances through their respective organizations/entities from their respective line Ministry, 5 working days prior to travel. WFP will close flight Manifest 5 working days prior to scheduled flight and no further bookings will be accepted after that. WFP operated flights to Yangon, Myanmar on Sundays. (source: <a href="https://humanitarianbookinghub.org">Humanitarian Booking Hub</a>).</td>
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USEFUL LINKS

CIQP Bulletins for other countries are available [here](https://www.ciqp.org/).

Country-specific:


Other links:


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

IATA, Government Measures Related to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

IATA, Air Cargo Operations status - COVID-19

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

International Organization for Migration, Points of Entry Status

International SOS, Travel Restrictions, Flight Operations and Screening


United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, Observatory on Border Crossings Status due to COVID-19

Wilhelmsen, COVID-19 Global Port Restrictions Map

World Customs Organization, HS classification reference list for COVID-19 medical supplies (3rd edition)

World Customs Organization, COVID-19 – WCO Updates

World Customs Organization, List of national legislation of countries that adopted temporary export restrictions on certain categories of critical medical supplies in response to COVID-19

World Customs Organization, World Health Organization, List of priority medicines for customs during COVID-19 pandemic

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

World Trade Organization, COVID-19: Trade and Trade-related measures

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