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COVID-19 Myanmar

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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

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
GLOBAL HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLAN	
Is there a Humanitarian Response Plan for the country?	Yes.
AIRPORT STATUS and FLIGHT RESTRICTIONS	
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical evacuation flights;



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	(source: IATA, 27 August 2020).
What is the airlines cargo operational status?	
IMMIGRATION and QUARANTINE	
What quarantine measures apply for travelers?	<p>Passengers are subject to quarantine for 14 days.</p> <p>Passengers must have a medical certificate with a negative COVID-19 test result. This does not apply to nationals of Myanmar.</p> <p>(source: IATA, 27 August 2020).</p>
What visa restriction measures apply?	<p>All visa exemptions are suspended as well as visa on arrival facilities.</p> <p>(source: IATA, 27 August 2020).</p>
IMPORTATION and CUSTOMS PROCEDURES	
What importation procedures related to taxes and duties have been introduced?	<p>Myanmar's Ministry of Commerce (MOC) lifted the fee requirement to obtain an import license for pharmaceutical raw materials used to manufacture medicines and medicinal equipment on 12 April 2020.</p> <p>(source: MOC, 12 April 2020).</p>
What measures have been introduced to facilitate the smooth clearance of goods related to COVID-19?	<p>Effective 1 April 2020, 91 import HS codes and 73 export HS codes temporarily do not require import / export licenses.</p> <p>Changes to importation procedural requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to an update on 7 May, at Yangon Seaport during the COVID-19 response period, Customs Departments have allowed processing with colour-scanned copies of documents instead of original documents. The documents this applies to includes Form D / Form E, B/L and other commercial documents for time being. Originals documents must be presented within one month or once courier services from overseas resume. Failure to do so results in duties, taxes and penalties; • Customs have reduced the number of documents which must be attached to import and export declarations when using electronic <i>Myanmar Automated Cargo Clearance System (MACCS)</i>; • The MOC now allows on-line import and export license applications for more HS codes.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some manual processes have been suspended and most shipments are assigned to the yellow channel, meaning that they are subject to fewer inspections. <p>(source: WFP, various).</p>
<p>What border closure measures apply (air, land, sea) that affect the importation of goods?</p>	<p>Sea freight:</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Various restrictions apply at different ports in terms of crew change, shore leave and quarantine. For more information, please visit Wilhelmsen. <p>Yangon Regional Government has now imposed a curfew from 10 pm to 4am until further notice; trucks are unable to operate on the road and there may be delays in cargo discharging for direct delivery vessels.</p> <p>(source: various, Wilhelmsen, 27 August 2020).</p> <p>At Yangon Seaport, there are no restrictions on sea cargo imports or exports in Myanmar.</p> <p>At Land Border Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>(WFP, 7 May 2020).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Truck operations are delayed due to curfew measures. There are truck driver shortages due to curfews and quarantines imposed by regional and state governments.</p> <p>(International SOS, undated).</p>



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OTHER	
What is the availability of UNHAS flights to the country?	Yangon – 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: Humanitarian Booking Hub).
Has the country ratified Annex J-5 of the Kyoto Convention ? If so, when?	Not ratified
Has the country ratified Annex B.9 of the Istanbul Convention ? If so, when?	Not ratified
ASYCUDA user?	No
ASYREC user?	No

USEFUL LINKS**CIQP Bulletins for other countries are available [here](#).****Country-specific:**

Government of Myanmar, [Ministry of Commerce Announcement \(Burmese\) \(12 April 2020\)](#)
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