

**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.

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JULY 2020
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JUILLET 2020**
13,564**COUNTRY BRIEF / COMPTE RENDU**

Nepal was not included in the United Nations' 2020 Global Humanitarian Response Plan.

The nationwide lockdown includes a stay-home-order issued to all households; individuals will only be allowed to leave their residences to purchase food and medicine. Private and public vehicles are prohibited from non-essential travel. Domestic flights and public transport have also been suspended while the lockdown remains in effect. All non-essential businesses and services, including manufacturing, schools, offices and markets remain closed.

AIRPORT STATUS / STATUT DES AEROPORTS**1. Airport / Flight restrictions** (updated 20 June 2020)

International and domestic commercial and passenger flights to Nepal remain suspended until 5 July 2020. This does not apply to evacuation, rescue and emergency flights with special permission from the Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal (source: IATA, 20 June 2020).

2. Passengers / Quarantine (updated 20 June 2020)

Airline crew are subject to thermal screening. Visa services and Visa-on-arrival facilities, including those granted to Non-resident Nepali card holders are suspended until further notice.

All foreign nationals (including those with business, study, diplomatic, official visas) allowed entry to Nepal must stay in self quarantine and Nepali nationals including Non-Resident Nepalis (NRNs) must stay in home quarantine for 14 days from the date of their arrival. A completed 'Passengers Locator Card' must be presented to the health desk upon arrival.

(source: IATA, 20 June 2020).

3. Airlines cargo Operations status (updated 4 June 2020)

The carrier Qatar Airways Cargo has shipped medical supplies donated by Qatar Fund for Development to Nepal among other countries (source: IATA, 29 May 2020).

Air Arabia is also operating a number of cargo flights to multiple destinations including Nepal. For cargo enquiries and quotes please visit cargo.airarabia.com or contact cargocare@airarabia.com (source: IATA, 4 June 2020).

IMPORTATION AND CUSTOMS / IMPORTATION ET DOUANES**4. Customs, land, sea** (updated 23 June 2020)

All border crossing points remain closed except for food commodities, fuel, medical and essential supplies (source: WFP).

Nepal has resumed the import and export of goods from Rasuwagadhi and Tatopani border crossing points with China by following the health protocol of the Ministry of Health and Population and the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development.



The Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of Finance shall make necessary coordination regarding this matter (source: UNECE, 6 May 2020).

5. Customs, importation procedure: (updated 23 June 2020)

The United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) has a hub in the Nepalese capital, Kathmandu. WFP organizes flights between Kuala Lumpur and Kathmandu, more information can be found on Humanitarian Booking Hub.

(source: [Humanitarian Booking Hub](#))

A number of measures have been put in place relating to Customs clearance in response to the COVID-19 crisis. These include:

- Formulation of the Quick Response Team (QRT) in the Deputy Director General (Coordinator) at the Customs headquarters, which coordinate Customs offices, Customs clearance issues and concerned stakeholders to facilitate the movement of Relief and essential supplies;
- Expediting Customs procedures to make provisions to clear relief goods and essential medical items within two hours;
- Exempting Customs duties from relief and medical items;
- Provision of a waiver for some of the required documents for Customs clearance of relief, essential medical items and other essential items;
- During Customs clearance, copy documents are accepted and can be submitted online. Submission of original documents is not mandatory during this period.
- A number of safety provisions have been undertaken at Customs offices to ensure safety.
- Safety measures apply for disinfecting areas, vehicles and cargo. There is a designated place for off-loading and clearance the cargo in customs yard. A health desk has been established at the frontline in Customs and health checks for drivers are strictly applied at border crossing points, and sanitization procedures apply for drivers. Quarantine of cargo applies in Customs yard before release.

(source: Department of Customs, 15 April 2020).

6. Annex J-5 of the Revised Kyoto Convention: Not ratified.

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:

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