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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: 2

Number of COVID-19 cases on 16 August 2020: 26,019

COUNTRY BRIEF

The nationwide lockdown in Nepal includes a stay-home-order issued to all households. Domestic flights and public transport have also been suspended while the lockdown remains in effect. All non-essential businesses and services remain closed. **The Government of Nepal has announced that most of the lockdown restrictions imposed to control the COVID-19 outbreak ended on midnight on 21 July, with some restrictions remaining.**

Nepal has been experiencing floods and landslides since 27 July 2020 in various provinces, and these are still ongoing; for more information please visit [this page](#).

IMPORTATION MEASURES TO RESPOND TO COVID-19

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
GLOBAL HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLAN	
Is there a Humanitarian Response Plan for the country?	No
AIRPORT STATUS and FLIGHT RESTRICTIONS	
What is the status of international flights?	Flights to Nepal are suspended until 31 August 2020. This does not apply to medical and repatriation flights (source: IATA, 13 August 2020).
What is the airlines cargo operational status?	The carrier Qatar Airways Cargo has shipped medical supplies donated by Qatar Fund for Development to Nepal among other countries (source: IATA). 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).



IMMIGRATION and QUARANTINE	
What quarantine measures apply for travelers?	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 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, 13 August 2020).
What visa restriction measures apply?	Visa services and Visa-on-arrival facilities, including those granted to Non-resident Nepali card holders are suspended until further notice (source: IATA, 20 June 2020).
IMPORTATION and CUSTOMS PROCEDURES	
What measures have been introduced to facilitate the smooth clearance of goods related to COVID-19?	<p>A number of measures have been put in place relating to Customs clearance in response to the COVID-19 crisis. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>(source: Department of Customs, 15 April 2020).</p>
What border closure measures apply (air, land, sea) that affect the importation of goods?	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



	<p>Finance shall make necessary coordination regarding this matter (source: UNECE, 6 May 2020).</p> <p>There are a number of logistics-related constraints to access in Nepal including road blockages due to landslides, floods and other poor road conditions. Please see the following Access Constraints Map by WFP for more information on the specific locations of these constraints (source: WFP, 21 July 2020).</p>
OTHER	
What is the availability of UNHAS flights to the country?	The United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) has a hub in the Nepalese capital, Kathmandu. WFP organizes flights between Kuala Lumpur and Kathmandu, on Wednesdays, bi-weekly . More information can be found on Humanitarian Booking Hub. (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?	Yes
ASYREC user?	No

USEFUL LINKS

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

Country-specific:

Department of Customs - Nepal, [Measures Adopted in Response of COVID-19, 15 April 2020](#)

Department of Customs - Nepal, [Customs Clearance Procedure for Relief Materials \(2017\)](#)

[Nepal National Logistics Cluster, SOPs for Transport and Storage Services \(July 2020\)](#)

[Nepal Red Cross Society, Situation Report: COVID-19 Preparedness and response No. 158 \(17 August 2020\)](#)

United Nations, [Customs Facilitation Agreement with Nepal \(31 May 2007\)](#)

[WFP, Nepal Logistics Constraints Map \(July 2020\)](#)



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COVID-19 Nepal

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(Bulletin on Customs, Immigration and Quarantine Procedures)

Other links:

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

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

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

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

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, [Observatory on Border Crossings Status due to COVID-19](#)

Wilhemssen, [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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