Togo

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COVID-19 [Togo]
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IMPORTATION ET DOUANES
Frontières terrestres et maritimes

• Les frontières terrestres sont toujours ouvertes au mouvement des cargos.
• Les frontières maritimes sont toujours ouvertes au mouvement des cargos. Les navires sont soumis à des contrôles sanitaires et peuvent faire l'objet de mesures de quarantaine. Les changements d'équipage sur le port sont autorisés.
  (Informations datées du 15 mai : Cluster Logistique).
• Etat des frontières terrestres avec les pays limitrophes :
  - Bénin : Ouvertes aux cargos. Les restrictions de circulation établies autour de la zone côtière et Sud du pays ne s'appliquent pas aux camionneurs en service.
  - Burkina Faso : Toutes les frontières commerciales sont ouvertes aux mouvements des cargos. Les restrictions de couvre-feu ne s'appliquent pas aux camionneurs en service.
  - Ghana : Le fret terrestre est autorisé mais seul le transport de biens essentiels est recommandé en raison de retards.
  (Informations mises à jour le 8 juin : Cluster Logistique)

Douane et procédures d’importation

Importation de médicaments et d’équipements médicaux relatifs au plan de réponse à la pandémie de COVID-19

• Enlèvement provisoire des marchandises importées dans le cadre de la lutte, contre le COVID-19 sous réserve de régularisation dans un délai de dix jours, prorogeable au besoin :
• Exonération de tous droits et taxes de douane sur le matériel médical et les produits utilisés exclusivement dans le cadre de la lutte contre le COVID-19 selon le tableau de classement ci-dessous :

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Measures adopted to manage the COVID-19 pandemic

1. Measures to facilitate the cross-border movement of relief consignments and essential supplies
Following instruction 002/2020/OTR/CG of 6 April 2020 concerning measures to ease Customs formalities for the period of the crisis associated with COVID-19, the following measures have been adopted to facilitate and accelerate imports of medical supplies and equipment and personal protective equipment at the Customs border:
- Temporary clearance of goods imported as part of the campaign against COVID-19;
- Regularization within a time limit of ten (10) days, extendable as needed.

2. Measures to support the economy and ensure supply chain continuity

Exemption from all Customs duties and taxes on medical supplies and equipment and products used solely in the campaign against COVID-19 according to the classification table in the instruction cited in section 1.

3. Measures to ensure protection for Customs Administration personnel

Following the instruction from the Commissioner General of the Togo Revenue Authority on preventative measures adopted as part of the campaign against the COVID-19 pandemic, the following steps have been taken at Customs offices:

- A hand-washing system has been put in place at all entries to Togo Revenue Authority offices and posts (including Customs posts);
- Flag raising and lowering ceremonies have been temporarily suspended;
- Meetings of the whole staff of the division have been temporarily suspended, in favour of virtual meetings;
- Meetings are held on a section-by-section basis, with social distancing measures in force and a limit on the number of participants;
- Action has been taken to raise staff and user awareness of personal protective measures (posting of a service note to staff and the notice for users);
- All personnel use masks and gloves in performing their tasks;
- All economic operators and users involved in the Customs clearance process at the airport wear masks;
- Procedures are being computerized; this is being done more online.

4. Measures to ensure protection for the public

In the face of the coronavirus pandemic, the Togolese Government has decreed a state of health emergency with special measures. These include:
- Official working hours have been reorganized to run from 09:00 to 16:00 with a break from 13:00 to 13:30;
- There has been a curfew over the whole country from 20:00 to 06:00 since 2 April 2020;
- All meeting places are closed until further notice.

Further information: http://www.wcoomd.org/.....natural-disaster/covid_19/togo...