IMPORTATION AND CUSTOMS

Customs, land, sea (updated 19 June 2020)

Jordanian land borders have been closed since 25 March 2020 except for essential items (source: Bollore Logistics, undated).

Sea ports:
At Jordan’s sea ports, due to COVID-19-related restrictions, shore leave and crew change are not permitted (source: Wilhelmsen, 26 May 2020). The Port of Aqaba continues to remain operational with operations at a delayed rate (source: Bollore Logistics, undated).

Customs, importation procedure (updated 19 June 2020)

A number of measures have been put into place by Customs Authorities, including:

• Various health and safety measures for staff working at Customs offices;
• Procedures including ‘around the clock’ clearance and increasing teleworking capabilities;
• Expanding the selectivity criteria of the National Single Window mechanism so that any goods related to addressing the ongoing crisis are targeted;
• Reducing actual inspections of goods so that it does not exceed 5% of all items, and using x-ray inspection;
• Prioritising the clearance of food and medical supplies;
• Postponing the payment of 70% of Customs fees to gold and silver list companies;
• Reducing the requirement for paper documents and accepting electronic copies as applicable;
• Preventing the export and re-export of medical supplies and devices used for protection and disease prevention.

(source: Jordan Customs Department, 19 April 2020).

The following measures are in place at Jordan’s border crossing points, adopted by Jordan’s Ministry of Transport:

• Trucks may not cross the territory of Jordan (in transit) unless they have a security escort and are subject to public security controls;
• The Ministry has put ‘back to back transport’ measures into place for goods with cargo coming into Jordan, from non-Jordanian trucks, and does not allow Jordanian trucks to leave through the border crossing at: the Karama border crossing point (with Iraq), and the Jaber border crossing (with Syria);

• The Ministry has stopped the movement of trucks from the Durra border crossing (with Saudi Arabia). The border-crossing point is used for transit traffic to and from Customs of passenger vehicles only;

• The Ministry has allowed the entry of trucks from the Omari Border Crossing, whose goods are destined for Jordanian territory, provided that safety rules are followed to limit the spread of the Coronavirus and a negative COVID-19 certificate is submitted by drivers, issued by an approved entity, less than 48 hours before entry;

• The Ministry has stopped the movement of truck traffic through the Moudawara border crossing point (with Saudi Arabia).

(source: UNECE, 15 April 2020)

Source: WCO/Jordan Customs Department

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The Jordan Customs Department (JCD) is making an extraordinary effort to support the Jordanian Government in its mission of preventing the spread of the COVID-19, by taking a wide range of measures to deal with the COVID-19, as it is outlined in the JCD’s plan attached herewith.

Further information: http://www.wcoomd.org/-/media/wco/public/global/....
• Stop trucks crossing the territory of the Kingdom (Transit) to pass through unless with security escort and under the control of public security
• Stop the movement of non-Jordanian trucks from the Karama border crossings, whose goods are intended for Jordanian territory, and transfer the transport process into back to back transport, and not allow Jordanian trucks to leave through the border crossings
• Stop the movement of non-Jordanian trucks from the Jaber border crossing, whose goods are destined for Jordanian territory, and transfer the transport process into back to back transport and not allow Jordanian trucks to leave through the border crossing
• Stop the movement of trucks from the Durra border crossing and the center is used for transit traffic to and from the customs of passenger ships only
• Stop the movement of non-Jordanian trucks from the Customs border crossing for passenger ships, whose goods are intended for Jordanian territory, and transfer the transport process into back to back transport and do not allow Jordanian trucks to leave through the center
• Allow entering trucks from the Omari Border Crossing, whose goods are destined for Jordanian territory, provided that safety rules are followed to limit the spread of the Coronavirus and request a virus-free certificate for the driver issued by approved entities less than 48 hours before the trip.
• Stop truck traffic through the Moudawara border center.