Egypt

Arab Republic of Egypt

The emergency measures currently applied at the level of the Egyptian ports with regard to the transport of goods in light of the global pandemic of the virus Corona are the following:

- The Egyptian ports did not impose any restrictions on the circulation of goods at the level of the Arab Republic of Egypt. The ports operate from the beginning of the crisis until now over the course of 24 hours and receive all types of ships in full coordination with the quarantine departments at the ports.
- The Egyptian ports are strictly committed to applying all the precautionary measures recommended by the International Maritime Organization, as part of the state’s precautionary plan to deal with the disease. Places, tools and equipment directly frequented by workers, customers and goods are continuously sterilized and disinfected
- An operation room was formed in coordination with the quarantine departments in each port to continue checking the arrivals on board the vessels and ships that the ports receive daily
- The Egyptian ports apply the EDI system
- There is complete coordination between the concerned authorities in order to facilitate and accelerate the rates of loading and unloading and the provision of strategic goods and to develop scenarios to deal with any development related to the spread of the virus
- The extension of the travel permit for 72 hours instead of 48 hours was coordinated to facilitate the customers and sailors and reduce gatherings. The compatibility certificates were extended for a period of three months.

The Arab Republic of Egypt is fully prepared to provide maritime transport services through the Egyptian ports, which operate 24 hours a day in full efficiency in accordance with international standards and precautionary measures.

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No restriction on type of goods for import and transit. The only restriction is on exporting medical supplies that are necessary for treatment of the virus, such as masks and oxygen machines.

Regarding movements from Safaga Port in Egypt to Dhiba Port in KSA, the Saudi Ports Authority are not allowing drivers from Egypt to land in the Saudi Ports, only Saudi trucks with resident drivers are allowed to pick up the load in coordination with local importers.

The Ministry of Transport of Sudan has instructed the complete closure of (Achkit) border crossing with Egypt, except for Sudanese exports transported on Egyptian trucks. Decision dated 31 March 2020.

Source: Egyptian customs authorities