

Libya



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COVID-19 Libya

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SEA

At sea ports, for vessels whose previous port call was from COVID-19 high risk countries, ships will not be given clearance until 14 days after the date of its departure from the last port outside of Libya. The Ministry of Health must be informed of positive cases on vessels coming into the country. International Health Offices reserve the right to inspect the ships and crew coming to the ports before arrival. Crew change and shore leave are not permitted.

Cruise ships are also not allowed to dock; these vessels have been barred from entry into Libya since 2011

LAND

The situation of border closures for cargo at countries bordering Libya varies:

- Tunisian land borders with Libya are closed;
- Chad has closed its land borders to all countries but cargo flights remain operational;
- The situation at Sudanese borders is complex;

crossborder transport including cargo is banned for entry or exit in North Sudan;

- In Niger, cargo flights are still operating and road cargo transportation through land borders is operational after a brief pause.

AIR

Flights have resumed at Mitiga Airport in Tripoli.

Flight disruptions are a possibility at Misrata Airport following a fire on 3 August. (9 August 2020, WFP)

All other passengers and commercial international and domestic flights through Libyan Airlines

(or Jamahriya Libyan Arab Airlines) are suspended until further notice (source: IATA, 20 May 2020).

This does not apply to air cargo flights, transportation of sick people and those wounded by war, as well as staff working in the oil fields (source: UNECE, 15 April 2020).

Libyan Air Cargo service flights are operational.

Source: <https://vosocc.unocha.org.....>

Remarks from the International Road Transport Union

Forthcoming



Source: Ministry of Transport. National Focal Point for the Project on ITSAS-GIS (ESCWA/IsDB)

Despite the internal problems and crises that the State of Libya is facing due to wars and political division, Libya started taking precautionary measures early before any illnesses emerged from the Corona pandemic, namely:

Land transport and border crossings

- A curfew has been imposed for a specific period of time
- Restriction of travel between cities
- Close all land ports in the State of Libya for individuals traveling in both directions
- Sterilization of goods supplied by land by spraying them with disinfectants; keep drivers in the quarantine period and replace the driver with a local one; with regard to the international transport of goods, the driver will not be placed in quarantine if no symptoms appear on him.
- Stopping mass public transport.

Maritime transport and ports:

Some measures have been taken:

- the crew of ships coming to the ports is inspected by the international health inspection office in the anchorage area before entering the port.
- Then registration is done through the marine agent, avoid any direct contact with the crew.
- As for the reception of cruise ships, it has been suspended since 2011.

Air Transport

All foreign and domestic flights have been suspended, except for air cargo flights, transportation of sick people and wounded by war, as well as staff working in the oil fields.

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