OBJECTIVE

This document provides information on customs, immigration and quarantine procedures during the response to the earthquake that shake Haiti on 14 Aug 2021, in the context of COVID-19 pandemic.

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Immigration and Quarantine

In accordance with the Circular N0.BM-02-213774 emitted by the Public Health Authority of Haiti (MSPP) aiming at preventing the spread of the COVID-19, all passengers must provide proof of negative laboratory molecular test result (RDT AG OR RT PCR) for COVID-19 to the airline before boarding international flight to Haiti.

The test should be taken within 72 hours prior the scheduled flight.

All air travelers who have recovered from COVID-19 upon presentation of their medical certificate are exempted.

Failure to provide these documents shall result in boarding denial by the air carrier.
Importation and Customs procedures

The Customs administration of Haiti, in accordance with the existing regulations, has the procedures enabling it to manage imports of humanitarian nature.

In case any institution wants to make a donation or provide specific support, once the Department of Civil Protection of the Ministry of Interior has given its approval, please submit the AWB / bill of lading as well as a detailed packing list to the customs administration at the point of entry. A customs inspector will attend the distribution at the designated location.

This procedure facilitates the work of organisations that are not registered as active NGOs in Haiti.

INGOs recognized by the Haitian State have their own mode of operation.

(source: Direction Générale des Douanes)

A WhatsApp group has been created to exchange information on importation and customs procedures. If you want to join this group, please send an email to impacct.2021 [at] gmail.com

Importation of fuel for vehicles
The fuel is only ordered by the government.

To facilitate fuel donation while special warehouses are private property, formal intention letter must be sent to allow negotiation with warehouse for unloading.

Importation of Medicines and Medical Equipment
An authorization from the Ministry of Public Health is requested, except for those listed in the document published by the Primature (see attached).
Sydonia

SYDONIA is the automated system used by Haiti - Sydonia (douane.gouv.ht)

Airport status

The National Office of Civil Aviation of Haiti confirmed that ANS operations continued normally.

MTPP, Port-au-Prince International Airport, is operational. No issues were reported, runway has been inspected. Conditions are good and flight operations continues as planned.

the airport closer to the epicenter is Les Cayes (MTCA) is operational but not open for international operations.

(source : ICAO – 15 Aug 2021)

Note on counterfeit medicines for humanitarian operators

“The WCO reminds the general public to exercise extreme caution when purchasing critical medical supplies from unknown sources, particularly online. The use of these goods may cost lives. While the world is gripped by the fight against COVID-19, criminals have turned this into an opportunity for fraudulent activity. There have been an alarming number of reports quoting seizures of counterfeit critical medical supplies, such as face masks and hand sanitizers in particular.”

WCO COVID-19 Urgent Notice: counterfeit medical supplies and introduction of export controls on personal protective equipment
Liens utiles


World Customs Organization, HS classification reference list for COVID-19 medical supplies (3rd edition)

World Customs Organization, World Health Organization, List of priority medicines for customs during COVID-19 pandemic

OCHA Flash Update n° 2


IATA, Government Measures Related to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

IATA, Air Cargo Operations status - COVID-19

International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), COVID-19 airport status

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