Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)
Transport and Temporary Storage
[May 2022]

GENERAL OVERVIEW

This document provides an overview of the logistics services to be made available through the Logistics Cluster; how humanitarian actors responding to the crisis may access these services; and the conditions under which these services are to be provided.

The objective of these services is to enable responding organisations to establish an uninterrupted supply chain that supports the delivery of humanitarian relief items. These services are not intended to replace the logistics capacities of other organisations, nor are they meant to compete with the commercial market. Rather, they are intended to fill identified gaps and provide a last resort option in case other service providers are not available.

These services are planned to be available until mid-August 2022*, with the possibility of further extension. The services may be withdrawn before this date in part or in full, for any of the following reasons:

- Changes in the situation on the ground
- No longer an agreed upon/identified need
- Funding constraints

*Storage services in Lublin to cease mid-June

This document will be updated, and services provided may change as the situation evolves and operational requirements develop. Updated versions will be shared on the Ukraine Operations page (https://logcluster.org/ops/ukr22a) and shared via the mailing list.

KEY NOTES TO USERS

I. Any communications, requests, and all documentation related to these services should be sent to Ukraine.ClusterCargo@wfp.org.

II. There should only be one SRF per location of origin and destination, and the user should not include multiple pick-up locations or multiple destinations on one SRF.

III. Cargo requiring special handling must have its own SRF form. This is to ensure clarity in exactly which cargo requires specialised handling and movement.

IV. A single SRF can be used for multiple services (storage and transport), however a single SRF should only be submitted for a single consignment.

V. Insurance for the cargo will remain the responsibility of the Service User in all cases.

VI. Implementation of all services is dependent on the security situation; this will affect schedules and access.

VII. Services will be provided in accordance with the priorities set by the Humanitarian Country Team. As a guiding principle, priority will be given to requests related to lifesaving and emergency response activities.

VIII. Only UN Agencies, International Humanitarian Organisations, and International or National Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) operating in the Ukraine are eligible to use these services (“Service Users”).

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OVERVIEW OF SERVICES

Poland
- Storage services – including handling in/out
- Cargo consolidation – including handling
- Road Transport from Lublin and Rzeszow to Logistics Cluster warehouses in Ukraine - including handling in/out. Transportation to or from partners’ own warehouses will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Ukraine
- Storage services – including handling in/out
- Cargo consolidation – including handling
- Road transport to Logistics Cluster warehouses downstream in Ukraine. Transportation to and from partners’ own warehouses and facilities will be considered on a case-by-case basis, including last mile transport. Loading and handling at partners’ facilities will be partners’ responsibility.

TEMPORARY STORAGE SERVICES

- The Logistics Cluster is making warehouse space available – on a free-to-user basis – to humanitarian organisations for cargo storage (including handling in/out). Currently warehouse space is available in:
  1. Lublin (Poland) – services to cease mid-June
  2. Rzeszow (Poland)
  3. Chernivtsi (Ukraine)
  4. Dnipro (Ukraine)
  5. Lviv (Ukraine)
  6. Kropyvnytskyi (Ukraine)
  7. Kyiv (Ukraine)
  8. Odesa (Ukraine)
  9. Ternopil (Ukraine)

Hours of Operation:

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- Visitor access to warehouse outside of regular working hours may be granted in exceptional circumstances. However, a 24-hour advance notice must be given to the Logistics Cluster focal person.

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• Customs:
  o Organisations sending cargo to Poland – or to Ukraine via Poland – need to obtain customs clearance.
  o Cargo shipped to any Logistics Cluster facility inside of any country must conform to the official import procedures of that country and must be fully cleared by the partner prior to arrival at the facility. Any agency acting as consignee to cargo imported into any country must be legally registered to do so. **The Logistics Cluster will not act as consignee for import or export purposes.**
  o Partners must allocate a specific focal point who is capable of responding and maintaining communication with the Logistics Cluster focal person with regards to the cargo queries in real time (via telephone, email, or in person)
  o For more information on customs, please visit the IMPACCT Working Group [website](https://logcluster.org/ops/ukr22a), or the online Customs Help Desk.

• Handling services: Offloading and loading are provided at Logistics Cluster warehouses during regular working hours if users inform the Logistics Cluster focal points **72 hours in advance of arrival.** If cargo is picked from partner’s warehouse (case-by-case), organisation is responsible to arrange handling.

• All cargo to be stored must be:
  o communicated well in advance via a [Service Request Form](https://logcluster.org/ops/ukr22a) (SRF)
  o palletized to facilitate loading/offloading*
  o accompanied by comprehensive packing lists, waybill/bill of lading (note that SRF item list must match the information on the waybill/PL in order for cargo to be accepted by warehouse staff)

*Unpalletized cargo will be accepted on a case-by-case basis (indicate cargo overpackaging condition in the comments section of SRF).

• At the time of requesting storage services, partners should indicate the number of pallets, the size of the pallets, and if pallets are stackable. Palletized cargo information can be added to the comments sections of the SRF.

• Dangerous goods will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Accurate information on DG must be communicated on a separate SRF.

• By default, kitting, cross loading, cross docking, or transloading of cargo is not permitted at Logistics Cluster run facilities, but it may be handled on a case-by-case basis and must be requested in advance.

• Temporary storage will be provided, subject to availability, in a common area to humanitarian organisations.

• All storage space provided is temporary **for up to 30 days.** Users are nonetheless **strongly advised** to move cargo as quickly as possible. The storage space available and the time it is made available for may change according to level of usage.

• In the event that additional time is required for storage usage, the service user must inform the Logistics Cluster of such requirements prior to the specified date agreed upon. **Additional storage time will be subject to availability and at the discretion of the Logistics Cluster.**

**Specific to Warehousing Operations in Poland:**

• In Poland, storage of medical supplies through common services are not available.

• Logistics Cluster facilities are not bonded and therefore cannot store uncleared cargo or bonded cargo in transit to Ukraine.

**Specific to Warehousing Operations in Ukraine:**

• The Dnipro warehouse includes a reefer container which can store commodities at 4°C for cold chain purposes. However, please note: storage services provided under the Ukraine Logistics Cluster Concept of Operations are **not** Good Storage Practice (GSP) and Good Distribution Practice (GDP) compliant, this includes any temperature-controlled storage services provided for medical supplies.

• Storage and transport of medical supplies might be offered on a case-by-case basis at the service users’ risk and the service providers’ discretion.

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• Neither the Ukraine Logistics Cluster Lead Agency nor any Ukraine Logistics Cluster Service Provider is liable for any damage or degradation resulting from non-compliance to GSP and GDP standards.

HOW TO ACCESS THE TEMPORARY STORAGE SERVICES

• Service users are required to submit a completed Logistics Cluster Service Request Form (SRF) – in a Microsoft Excel file copy – from an approved agency contact point to Ukraine.ClusterCargo@wfp.org. Emails sent from a known user will be considered as being signed by the sending agency. SRF must be submitted a minimum of 72 hours before they expect to have the cargo ready to deliver to the storage facility.

• A single SRF for the Temporary Storage Service can have only:
  - One location where the cargo will be handed over for service(s) to begin (in the “FROM” field)
  - One date when cargo will be handed over for service(s) to begin (in the “Date Ready for Movement” field)
  - One location where the cargo will be handed back when service(s) end (in the “TO” field)

  NOTE: General instructions for completing the SRF can be found at: Logistics Cluster SRF instructions

• All service users should provide their organisations PO Number(s) or any other internal reference number for the cargo (in the “Owner Reference” field) to facilitate tracking of their goods.

• All Service Users are required to submit copies of a Packing List and/or a Non-Commercial Invoice with the SRF.

• The Logistics Cluster will confirm receipt of the SRF within 24 hours and will either:
  - Request additional clarification or documentation required.
  - Will register the SRF as “New” in status and will return a Consignment Report with a 9-digit Tracking Code to the service user.

  NOTE: At this point no commitment has been made to provide the service as requested. Please see the below.

• The Logistics Cluster will review all “New” SRFs within 24 hours, and will either:
  - Request additional clarification or documentation.
  - Will “Accept” the SRF.
  - Will communicate the reason why the service cannot be provided at this time and give the service user the option to “Cancel” or place the SRF “On-Hold”.

• After receiving confirmation from the Logistics Cluster that the request has been accepted, the requesting organisation should inform the Logistics Cluster of the estimated date and time of the cargo arrival at the warehouse. The requestor should also provide contact details of the truck driver/convoy leader to the Logistics Cluster contact person to enable the trucks with cargo to be guided to the Logistics Cluster’s warehouse.

• The requesting organisation should also provide the Logistics Cluster with the waybill numbers (and if possible, copies of the waybills and PLs) for the consignment, as well as the plate numbers of the trucks on which it will be delivered. This will enable the Logistics Cluster to easily identify the arriving cargo. It is important that SRF item list matches the shipping documents provided by driver upon arrival. However, if the agency is already using the Logistics Cluster transport services, it will not be necessary to provide these details, as the Logistics Cluster will already have them.

• For storage requests, requesting organisations will bring their cargo to the Logistics Cluster warehouse at their own cost. Offloading and handling-in will be arranged by the Logistics Cluster.

• The Logistics Cluster will confirm receipt of the cargo in the warehouse by updating the cargo tracking system (automatic email will be generated and sent to users).

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• Cargo will not be released from the warehouse unless the Logistics Cluster either receives a signed [Release Order Form](#) (RLO) from the consignor organisation (or a scanned copy attached to email from a known agency contact/implementing partner). The release request should indicate Consignment Number, number of units, volume, and tonnage of the cargo to be released, and should specify to whom the cargo should be made available. The Logistics Cluster will arrange handling-out and will confirm release of the cargo to the receiving organisation.

• All enquiries on cargo status should be checked [online](#) using the tracking number.

The above process is summarised in the flowchart in [Annex 1](#).
ROAD TRANSPORT

- Road transport from Lublin or Rzeszow to warehouses in Ukraine is provided on a free-to-user basis.
- The Logistics Cluster will facilitate road transport of partners humanitarian cargo using common service vehicles from Logistics Cluster warehouses in Poland to Ukraine, however all customs proceedings are the responsibility of the agency that legally owns the cargo.
- Organisations will be responsible for insurance of the cargo and all customs clearance formalities are the responsibility of the requesting organisation.
- Services will be planned based on the availability of transport capacity, access, security, and permissions. Service users are expected to provide facilitation letters when requesting common transport.
- All service users will be responsible to arrange for unloading at all delivery locations; except in cases where the cargo is received into a Logistics Cluster storage facility [see above TEMPORARY STORAGE SERVICES].
- At the time of requesting transport services, partners should indicate the number of pallets, the size of the pallets, and if pallets are stackable. Palletized cargo information can be added to the comments sections of the SRF.

The following documents will be required by customs to transport cargo from Poland to Ukraine:

- A packing list on the partner letterhead and stamped by the agency detailing the contents per vehicle and vehicle details AT THE TIME OF TRANSPORT. Truck details will be shared by the Logistics Cluster when cargo is loaded and ready for dispatch to Ukraine.
- CMR: International Consignment Note (not needed if packing list includes the plates of the truck)
- Non-Commercial Invoice for customs purposes only indicating Consignee in UA and Consignor in PL/EU (including a note about donation)
- Certificate of Humanitarian Donation
- All other export documents as required by Polish/EU regulations, including the online export declaration submission

In the event the partner wishes to manage their own transport from a Logistics Cluster warehouse, they must:

- Submit a formal Release Order Form (ROF) to Ukraine.ClusterCargo@wfp.org
- Once the ROF is complete, the partner will work with the Logistic Cluster focal point to schedule the arrival of vehicles, including dates, times, and vehicle and driver details.
- Cargo pickup must respect the working days and hours of the warehouse.
- Have prior approval for pickup from Logistic Cluster focal or risk being rejected.

HOW TO ACCESS THE ROAD TRANSPORT SERVICES

- Service Users are required to submit a completed Logistics Cluster Service Request Form (SRF) in a Microsoft Excel file copy from an approved agency contact point to Ukraine.ClusterCargo@wfp.org. Emails sent from a known user will be considered as being signed by the sending agency. SRF must be submitted a minimum of 72 hours before they expect to have the cargo ready to load.

- A single SRF for the Road Transport Service can have only:
  - One location where the cargo will be handed over for service(s) to begin (in the “FROM” field)
  - One date when cargo will be handed over for service(s) to begin (in the “Date Ready for Movement” field)
  - One location where the cargo will be handed back when service(s) end (in the “TO” field)

NOTE: General instructions for completing the SRF can be found at: Logistics Cluster_SRF instructions
https://logcluster.org/ops/ukr22a
• Service Users requesting collection of their cargo from the warehouse of their Clearing and Forwarding Agent are asked to provide contact details for their agent on the SRF in the “Clearing Agent” fields (including: agent/company name, telephone number, contact name, and e-mail address).

• For transportation services that cross an international border, all Service Users are required to submit copies of a Packing List and/or a Non-Commercial Invoice with the SRF.

• The Logistics Cluster will confirm receipt of the SRF within 24 hours and will either:
  o Request additional clarification or documentation required.
  o Will register the SRF as “New” in status and will return a Consignment Report with a 9-digit Tracking Code to the Service User. All enquiries on the status of cargo should be checked online using the tracking number (https://rita.logcluster.org/public/track.htm)

  NOTE: At this point no commitment has been made to provide the service as requested. Please see the below.

• The Logistics Cluster will review all “New” SRFs within 24 hours and will either:
  o Request additional clarification or documentation.
  o Will “Accept” the SRF.
  o Will communicate the reason why the service cannot be provided at this time and give the service user the option to “Cancel” or place the SRF “On-Hold”.

• Please note that this is a transport-only service. Insurance of the cargo and all customs clearance formalities are the responsibility of the requesting organization

• The requesting organisation is responsible for the loading of the trucks at the point of origin. The requesting organisation is also obliged to provide the shipping documentation to the truck drivers.

• The Logistics Cluster may transport items from its common warehousing locations, using WFP waybills.

• The Logistics Cluster will confirm the time and pickup of the cargo once trucks have been confirmed.

• The Logistics Cluster will transport the cargo and keep the organisation informed regarding progress.

• When the cargo arrives at the final destination, the receiving organisation should arrange offloading (unless the delivery takes places in a Logistics Cluster run facility).

• The sending organisation, or the designated consignee, should confirm receipt through signing the waybill, which accompanies the cargo.

The above process is summarised in the flowchart in Annex 2.

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ANNEX 1

Storage Flowchart

A simplified summary of the usual steps involved in storage services is given in the flow chart below (can be modified and adapted to a specific operation):

1. The Service User submits a ‘Service Request Form’ (SRF) with an authorised signature and an attached packing list to the dedicated Logistics Cluster address (Ukraine.ClusterCargo@wfp.org).

2. The Logistics Cluster acknowledges receipt of the SRF and may contact Service User to resolve any queries related to it.

3. The Logistics Cluster contacts the Service User to notify if the request has been accepted for further processing. The requesting organization will be informed about where, when, and for how long the cargo will be stored and issued a consignment details report (including a cargo tracking number).

4. The Service User confirms to the Logistics Cluster the estimated date and time of cargo arrival and contact details of the truck driver /convoy leader.

5. Initial responsibility lies with the Service User to bring the cargo to the warehouse. If the consignment is to be transported first by Logistics Cluster to a common storage facility, then Logistics Cluster will arrange for delivery.

6. **Logistics Cluster** will arrange handling. The cargo is stored for an agreed period of time.

7. When cargo is to be released out of the warehouse the requesting agency must authorize **Logistics Cluster** to release the cargo from the warehouse (using the Release Order Form).

8. Upon goods reception, Service User confirms receipt through signing the waybill.

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*Steps Service User must take*  *Steps Logistics Cluster/WFP will take*
ANNEX 2

Road Transport Flowchart

A simplified summary of the usual steps involved in transport services is given in the flow chart below (can be modified and adapted to a specific operation):

1. The Service User submits a ‘Service Request Form’ (SRF) with an authorised signature and an attached packing list to the dedicated Logistics Cluster address (Ukraine.ClusterCargo@wfp.org).

2. The Logistics Cluster acknowledges receipt of the SRF and may contact Service User to resolve any queries related to it.

3. The Logistics Cluster contacts the Service User to notify if the request has been accepted for further processing. The Service User will be informed about when the cargo will be loaded and transported and issued a consignment details report (including a cargo tracking number).

4. At the same time Service User should inform the Logistics Cluster of the preferred exact time and place of loading.

5. The Logistics Cluster arranges for trucks to collect and transport Service User’s cargo.

6. Service User loads the trucks and provides shipping documentation to the drivers.

7. The Logistics Cluster transports Service User’s cargo to the final destination.

8. Upon arrival, Service User offloads the cargo and confirms receipt through signing the waybill.

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LIMITATIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICES

- Only UN Agencies, international humanitarian organisations, and international or national non-government organisations (NGOs) operating in Ukraine are eligible to use these services (“Service Users”).
- When providing services under these SOPs, WFP acts as agent for the service users/ requesting organisations. WFP assumes no responsibility for storage or transportation and/ or any loss or damage to the goods carried. The service users are responsible for making adequate arrangements for the insurance of their goods. WFP undertakes the services in good faith and will ensure that the services are carried out with due diligence.
- Requests are subject to the availability of resources and will be handled as per the priorities set by the Humanitarian Country Team.
- The point of contact for Ukraine inquiries related to Road Transport and Temporary Storage services is: Ukraine.ClusterCargo@wfp.org

CARGO PACKAGING REQUIREMENTS

- Requesting organisations are responsible for ensuring their items have been packed in the appropriate transport container and able to handle the physical requirements of the operational transport. The Logistics Cluster reserves the right to refuse cargo that has not been properly packed, as improper packing can lead to delayed transport and reduced space for other organisations.
- Organisations delivering relief cargo to the logistics hubs for temporary storage need to provide full details of the consignment and necessary documentation as detailed in the specific in-country SOPs.
- For transport requests, the final consignee, the destination, and contacts must be clearly indicated on the cargo and also in the request as well as any special cargo handling requirement.

LARGE AND OVER-SIZED ITEMS

- Large, long, over-sized etc. items will be handled according to available capacity.

HAZARDOUS GOODS AND TEMPERATURE-CONTROLLED ITEMS

- The Logistics Cluster is able to accept hazardous goods for transportation on a case-by-case basis. Consultation with the Logistics Cluster is required before submitting an SRF.
- The Dnipro warehouse includes a reefer container which can store commodities at 4°C for cold chain purposes.
- **Please note:** Storage services provided under the Ukraine Logistics Cluster Concept of Operations are not Good Storage Practice (GSP) and Good Distribution Practice (GDP) compliant, this includes any temperature-controlled storage services provided for medical supplies.
- Storage and transport of medical supplies may be offered on a case-by-case basis at the service users’ risk and the service providers’ discretion.
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