I. ACTION POINTS

II. DISCUSSION POINTS (agenda items)

• Update on challenges faced with Gaza authorities.
  Several NGOs have approached UNOCHA in Gaza requesting for information regarding how to inform the Gaza “customs” authority of their shipment. Please refer back to minutes of the last logistics Cluster meeting for details: 1 October 2009.

  The main issue this month has been with the Ministry of Social Affairs who came with the Internal Security and closed the CHF warehouse in Khan Younis (Southern Gaza Strip) on the 19 October and confiscated the beneficiary list. The list was later returned to CHF. CHF staff members were accused of “not cooperating with cross-checking beneficiary names”. This appears to be yet another sign of “increased interest” of the Gaza authorities concerning humanitarian aid programmes in the Gaza Strip. Any further issues with the authorities in Gaza should be reported to the logistics cluster support cell.

  Issues with personnel crossing into Gaza through Erez- which should be directed to the OCHA access group.

• Update on coordination of goods entry for Palestinian NGOs:

  Palestinian NGOs should coordinate goods access through liaison with Hussein Al Sheik – Palestinian Civil Affairs office- Ramallah. If problems are faced please contact the Logistics Cluster support cell.

  1) Update from Gaza

• Crossings information:

  Both Nahal Oz and Karem Shalom are currently being used for the supply of fuel to Gaza. Nahal Oz is working two days per week. Cooking gas appears to be an issue of growing concern as winter approaches.

• Imports to Gaza Strip:

  Very few commercial Palestinian products from the West Bank are getting into the Gaza Strip. Products from Northern West Bank are particularly problematic.
The new cycle of grants are being announced for USAID and ECHO. The Logistics Cluster support cell is still offering to facilitate the movement of NGO goods on request.

**Update from COGAT**

LC provided an update on the shipments that are currently under review:

- **FAO**  
  Agricultural inputs - Pending

- **Handicap international**  44 pallets of NFI

*The Israeli authorities have expressed interest in allowing materials for building repairs and prefab houses to enter Gaza.*

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