EGYPT

CUSTOMS INFORMATION

The following information on the customs processes for humanitarian aid in Egypt was obtained from government offices and humanitarian organisations. Although all efforts have been made to ensure that the content of this brief is accurate, it is always recommended to seek the direct advice of the Egyptian Customs Authority in the Ministry of Finance (http://www.customs.gov.eg/Default.aspx?CultureId=en-US) for up-to-date information. Amendments to this brief will be made as new information becomes available.

The same set of documents is required for import, export and transit. Cargo in transit is processed differently to cargo which leaves the airport to stay in Egypt (import) even if the stay is going to be temporary before transport to Egypt (export). Special procedures are required for some types of cargo as briefly outlined in section 4 of this document.

1. IMPORT

All cargo arriving in Egypt must be custom cleared. The following documents are required for import.

Documents Required for Import of Food/Consumables:

1. Airway bill/bill of lading
2. Commercial/pro forma invoice
3. Packing list
4. Certificate from the Ministry of Health containing information as per the table below:

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Documents Required for Import of Non-Food Items:

1. Airway bill/bill of lading
2. Commercial / pro forma invoice
3. Certificate of origin
4. Packing list specifying the volume
5. Certification of production/expiry dates
6. Fumigation certificate (ISPM 15 stamped) for wooden pallets/boxes

Documents Required for Export of Food/Consumables:

1. Airway Bill/bill of lading (if available)
2. Commercial/ Pro forma invoice
3. Certificate of origin from Egyptian Chamber of Commerce
4. Packing list
5. Certificate of content, with the add-notation "fit for human consumption" (ingredients)
6. Certificate of nutritional value: energy, protein fat etc (food)
7. Fumigation certificate if the cargo is palletized
8. Certificate that cargo is a humanitarian aid and is not meant for sale/re-sale
9. Certificate from the Ministry of Health containing information as per the table below:

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Documents Required for Export of Non-Food Items:

1. Airway bill/bill of lading (if available)
2. Commercial/ Pro forma invoice
3. Certificate of origin from Egyptian Chamber of Commerce
4. Packing list specifying the volume
5. Certificate of weight (net/gross) and volume
6. Certification of production/expiry dates
7. Certificate that cargo is a humanitarian aid and is not meant for sale/re-sale.
8. Fumigation certificate (ISPM 15 stamped) for wooden pallets/boxes

Other Requirements for Export (both Food and Non-Food Items):

- Trucks need to have trip tickets (trip tech) obtained from the Salloum crossing.
- All drivers need to have passports in case trucks will cross the border. If transshipment is foreseen, there is no need for passports.
- Cargo needs to have customs report marked as cleared for export from a company/supplier having an active export profile in chamber of commerce.
- Cargo has to be sealed by customs at the departure point. Otherwise it will have to be cleared at the border with submission of all the above documents, specifically the certificate of origin. The authorities will check the original "import" documentation in case cargo was not sealed as export at the point of departure. In case cargo is going through custom clearance at the border, the owner of the cargo (having active exporter profile) needs to officially delegate a custom clearing agent representative to the border in Salloum to finalize the export procedures.
- Border authorities must be notified about the shipment by formal fax/letter prior to the shipment. The letter should mention that cargo is of humanitarian nature (humanitarian aid) going from origin X to final destination Y and is not for sale/re-sale.

3. TRANSIT

The airway bill/bill of lading along with the packing list and all documents mentioned above in the export section are required for cargo transiting through Egypt. The words "in transit" should be on all forms concerning this cargo.

After arrival of cargo to Egypt, cargo will not be released for further transportation until all the documents are checked by the authorities. The cargo will be released after the organisation responsible for transit of the cargo submits to the customs authorities at the airport/harbour a letter of guarantee from the bank confirming payment of a percentage of the full value of the cargo (the percentage is to be determined by

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the custom authorities). After these formalities are completed, the cargo is released and ready for 
transportation to the country of final destination.

Cargo in transit released from the airport will be escorted by customs personnel from the airport/harbour to 
the border. The customs official will hand over the cargo to the last customs point while crossing the border, 
in order to make sure that the cargo in transit left the country. The customs report will be stamped with the 
departure date. On the basis of this report the money paid as a guarantee can be claimed back.

In case cargo in transit is to be stored and not immediately loaded on the trucks, the cargo should remain in 
a bonded warehouse. Otherwise it loses the "in transit" status and the owner would have to go through the 
re-export procedures in order to get it out of the country.

For re-export the UN/diplomatic agencies require a letter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in addition to 
the regular export documentation, allowing re-export. Non-diplomatic agencies require a letter transferring 
the ownership of the cargo to the supplier, who must have an export profile. The supplier will contact 
customs with all the necessary documentation and will export the cargo out of Egypt under his name.

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5. Certificate of weight (net/gross mt) and volume;
6. Certification of production/expiry dates;
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8. Fumigation certificate for any wooden pallet/boxes

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4. IMPORT/EXPORT/TRANSIT OF SPECIFIC TYPES OF CARGO

Dangerous Goods

Dangerous goods exported from Egypt would require additionally environment certificate from the Ministry of Environment. Dangerous goods in transit through Egypt don't require any additional certification, as they are not staying in Egypt.

Medicines

A certificate is needed from the Ministry of Health, where the production/expiry dates are confirmed. The certificate should state that medicines are fit for human consumption.