Overview
As the security situation in Libya has changed to allow for increased access for shipments of critical relief goods, the Port of Tripoli is now becoming a key point of entry for supplies destined for the capital and surrounding areas. The port suffered minimal damage during the conflict and is currently functional, although at a lower capacity. Labour remains limited and all organizations intending to ship cargo directly into Tripoli are advised to ensure it is palletized or containerized. Additionally, some commercial liners are restarting services and the focus will now be on putting humanitarian shipments on these vessels instead of using the ports in neighbouring countries.

Location
32° 54’ 29” N, 13° 11’ 36” E

Approach
Sea buoys, fairways and channels: From a position N 32° 56.50’ E 013° 13.50’, 3.25 nm NE of Tarabulus Light the approach channel, 400m in width leads S for 1 nm through Caliuscia Bank. The W side of the channel is marked by No 1 light beacon and No 3 light buoy; the E side by No 2 and No 4 Light Beacons

Pilotage & Anchorage
Pilot compulsory. Admiralty point: NP49. Anchorage 12.5 – 13.7 m.

Berthing Facilities
30 berths with total length of 4,029 m and max draught 12 m.

Tanker/Liquefied gas terminals
Length 152 m and max draught 8.38 m.

Cargo Handling Equipment

- 4 x 40’ container lifters (3x Liebherr and 1 x Hyster model).
- 2 x 40’ container cranes (Liebherr).
- 3 x empty container lifters (Liebherr).
- 3 x 3mt forklifts.
- 2 x 7 mt forklifts.
- 6 or 7 40’ container carriers (trailers and cabs).
- Tugs available for towage

Customs requirements
Food and medicines entering the port of Tripoli are being cleared without much difficulty. However NFIs and telecommunications equipment are cleared on a case-by-case basis. The customs authorities in Tripoli port now require ship manifests to include the details of the chassis number and colour of all vehicles imported, including trailers/heads. This also applies to generators and other equipment.

Port Contacts:
The port is owned by the Marine Ministry, however port operations have been run by the Socialist Ports Company for over 20 years. All pilots, port handling equipment, stevedores, and port storage fall under this company.
Website: www.lpclibya.com
Phone: +15-627910 51 218.

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**Stevedoring and labour**
Prior to the conflict, stevedoring was carried out by the Socialist Ports Company. However, due to the departure of much of the workforce, the port currently does not have sufficient labour available and vessels/consignees are organising their own. Ad hoc arrangements can be made for gangs of locally sourced labour to be given access to the port. Volunteers have been found on many occasions to assist with the offload of humanitarian vessels. The port authorities have stated that external labourers brought into the port must be Libyan and not foreign nationals.

To bring external labour into the port, a letter of request must be written to the head of Customs at the port indicating the day/s these labourers will be working at the port, the names and ID numbers of the labourers, the vessel they will work on, and an explanation that due to the lack of labour at the port it is necessary for you to bring your own. Once signed/approved by the head of Customs, the letter should be taken to the port manager of handling and warehousing, who will also sign/approve the letter. The letter is then given to the Customs Officer at the port gate who will let in labourers according to the details on the letter.

**Storage Facilities**
Most of the warehouses at Tripoli port are currently in use. Warehouses 19 and 20, which were initially used for humanitarian cargo, are being used for commercial cargo and may have some limited space available for short-term storage. However, it is advised for partners to find warehousing outside the port.

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**Shipping lines currently operating into Tripoli port**
**MSC:**
Transhipment hub is Gioia Tauro
Local agent is Esterlab Libyan Shipping Agency Co (Elsag Co)
Wahat Centre – Suites 8 & 9, Hay Alandalus, P.O. Box 6250, Tripoli
+218(0)214778426, +218(0)214780804
http://www.msclibya.com

**MAERSK:**
Ports can be subject to omission if there is insufficient cargo
Local agent is al Rowad Shipping
The manager of the Tripoli branch of al Rowad Shipping is Bashir Rashid
+218(0)913233662
Al Fateh Tower, 1st floor, 64, Tripoli

**CMA-CGM:**
Weekly service out of Malta to all Libyan ports except Khoms
Local agent is Overseas Shipping Company
+218(0)213350870
Thaat el Emad Towers, tower 5, 1st floor, Tripoli
http://www.osc-libya.com/index.php?page=contact&iId=5

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