Key Highlights

- During the past 14 days, no new vessels have registered to arrive at the Port of Djibouti with humanitarian or agricultural bulk cargo in the coming 6 weeks.
- The arrival of vessels transporting sugar, coal and general cargo results in continued berthing congestion at the Port of Djibouti, a latent impact is on the availability of road trucks and impact on the off take from the port.
- The vessels that have been at anchor for a period of time are being discharged on a “First Come First Served basis”.
- The fertilizer import program commences in October through to April. 950,000 MT is scheduled through Djibouti and 100,000 MT through Port Sudan. In addition through Port Sudan, there is a 100,000 MT of wheat consigned to Ethiopian Grain Trading Entrep (EGTE). The catalyst to the development of the Port Sudan gateway is the establishment of the Metema transit hub on the Sudan – Ethiopia border.
- The inward cargo planning for 2017/2018 is ongoing. Tonnage indicators have been requested, consideration to plan and route cargo through the alternative port gateways of Berber and Port Sudan, alleviating the tonnages through Djibouti corridor.

Daily Discharge Rate (MT)

Total Quantity Discharged (3 October — 16 October) 92,761 MT
Max Weekly Offtake from Port Estimate 35,000 MT
Average Number of Vessels Alongside 3
Average Daily Discharge per Vessel 2,208 MT

The required daily discharge rate target for effective running of the port’s operations is 4,000 MT/vessel/day. Current daily discharge rates, as well as average discharge rates per vessel, continue to be lower than the target, average over the past week 2,208 MT/vessel per 24hour day basis, and three vessels on the berth.

Status of Vessels at Port of Djibouti

There are 6 vessels with 258,245 MT of wheat at anchor, waiting to discharge at the bulk berths 13 through to 15.

Port Planning (October to December 2016)

The Bulk Shipping committee meeting held on 12 October, discussed and agreed on a number of pertinent issues, the definition of humanitarian cargo, priority berthing, performance, benchmarking and EMAA’s action plan. EMAA will establish action plans linked to performance indicators for the ports, service providers and ancillary organizations.

Expected Vessels (Forecast)

2016 Balance (including tonnage at anchor) 4,920,005 MT
2017 Provisional Balance 9,044,418 MT**

*quantities are calculated based on inputs received and are not exhaustive.
*Data is collected, analyzed and published bi-weekly.
Sources: EMAA, WFP, Djibouti Port Authorities. Figures are subject to minor error.
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Commodity Imports (3 Oct— 16 Oct)

WHEAT (MT) 398,102
Fertiliser (MT) 0
SORGHUM (MT) 9,800
COAL (MT) 50,005

Expected Food Commodities

Vessels are expected between August to December 2016 with a total of 998,738 MT of food on board.