

Shipping directly to Yemen

- The outbreak of hostilities and airstrikes in April 2015 in Yemen, resulted in commercial liner suspending their services to the main Yemeni ports of Mukallah, Aden and Hodeida. Several of humanitarian organizations established logistics transit hubs in Djibouti and cargo was diverted to this port, and then shipped as general cargo by chartered vessels and dhows. Already since June 2015 MSC re-established their services and have been and still are calling at Aden, Mukallah and Hodeida. WFP confirms that they have used the MSC to send containerized cargo directly into Yemen.
- MSC is using Salalah as the transshipment port for all containerized cargo and their feeder vessels are calling at Hodeida approximately twice a month, though delays can be expected based on clearances from the coalition forces.
- MSC accepts refrigerated cargo, but terms and conditions regarding immediate return of reefers and responsibility at the receiving port in Yemen are strict. As an example Save the Children informed the Logistics Cluster that they sent approximately 37 mt in refrigerated containers from Rotterdam on 27 December which arrived to Hodeida port on 14 February, using MSC.
- Other container shipping lines such as MSC, CMA, Messina and UASC are calling at Aden on regular basis. Another shipping line, PIL, went into Hodeida for the first time since the crisis and has well established services to Aden.
- Logistics Cluster will monitor the situation and continue to facilitate services as per SoPs in effect, of, however Djibouti continue to be problematic because of congestion and customs procedures. Therefore, organizations that are shipping humanitarian items, are advised to explore direct shipping to Yemen to take advantage of cheaper and faster options, instead of transiting through Djibouti.
- The Logistics Cluster is collecting information on the shipping companies that are sending goods directly to Yemen, without passing through Djibouti. Here following is a preliminary list:

	MSC	PIL	Messina	CMA-CGM	UASC
Hodeida	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Aden	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mukallah	Yes	No	No	No	No

Ports Overview

- Djibouti port is operational but congested with 12 vessels at berth and 27 vessels at anchorage waiting to enter the port.
- Aden port is operational, with 6 days delays estimated for berth, and 14 days delays for anchorage.
- Hodeida Port is congested, with 36 days delays estimated for anchorage and 5 days delays for berth.
- Saleef Port is currently operating with 10 days berth and 15 days of delay for anchorage
- Ras Issa fuel terminal is operational.