

LOGISTICS SECTOR – MEETING MINUTES - TUNISIA

North Africa Crisis Zarzis, Tunisia 27 April 2011

Chair: WFP

Participants: IRD, Save the Children, UNICEF, USAID

Note: This account refers directly to Tunisia issues. For an account of the discussion of Libya-related issues, please see the Zarzis Meeting Minutes for Libya, with the same date.

1. General Logistics Information

- In Tunisia, there is no cluster activated. However WFP is providing logistics sector support.
- WFP expects five wikhalls to arrive at Zarzis Free Zone within 15 days.
- WFP is in the process of identifying a transporter for Tunisia and western Libya.
- WFP will provide a warehouse training for staff of humanitarian organisations at Choucha at 14:30 on 3 May.

2. Customs Procedures

- Air: During the crisis, fees for “acceptation de fret” were suspended. This week the fees were reinstated (+/- EUR 0.35/kg or EUR 7,000/20MT).
- In Tunis and Sfax, the first 12 days are free. Storage costs after 12 days are as follows:

Type of Container	from day 13 to day 20	from day 21+
20' box	10 T.Dinars per day	20 T.Dinars per day
40' box	20 T.Dinars per day	40 T.Dinars per day

Note: Maersk only calls at Tunis (Rades) and Sfax direct, and Sousse via truck from Tunis.

- Tunisia customs information has been posted on the Logistics Cluster website.

3. Transport: Air and Sea

- A United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) operation for Libya has been approved. This service will provide transport to Libya for the humanitarian community. It is expected that the first UNHAS flight will take off on Sunday, 1 May. More information will be provided next week on the route, schedule, how to get tickets, etc.
- The main shipping company operating in the Mediterranean Sea is CMA CGM. You can find details regarding voyages/schedule at <http://www.cma-cgm.com>; www.OMMP.nat.tn; www.marinetraffic.com. You can also contact northafrica.cargo@wfp.org for more details. A brief overview of key Tunisian ports (Rades, Sfax and Zarzis) is available at: [http://www.logcluster.org/ops/lby11a/snapshot overview of tunisia ports/view](http://www.logcluster.org/ops/lby11a/snapshot%20overview%20of%20tunisia%20ports/view)

4. Land Transport

- WFP is in the process of identifying a forwarder/transporter for Tunisia and western Libya. For inland transport, WFP expects three entry points by sea (Rades, Sousse, Sfax) and two entry points by air.
- Any organisation that wishes to request WFP to transport their cargo on a route that WFP is not offering yet should contact Renata Kuras at northafrica.cargo@wfp.org (cc guy.curvers@wfp.org), with a general e-mail describing what route they want to transport on (with cargo type, quantities, volume, routing, destinations, etc), so that WFP can advise.
- Updated lists of transporters and freight forwarders are available at: http://www.logcluster.org/ops/lby11a/tunisia_transporters/view. Organizations are kindly requested to continue sharing information on logistics service providers that can be shared with the humanitarian community.

5. Warehousing

- WFP has ordered five mobile storage units (MSU), to be used at Zarzis Free Zone. They are expected to arrive within 15 days.
- Participants were requesting to advise if they have any plans to operate through the Zarzis Free Zone and if so, indicate their requirements for covered storage, as capacity is limited. Those interested in using a bonded warehouse should contact Renata Kuras at northafrica.cargo@wfp.org (cc guy.curvers@wfp.org).
- Organizations intending to use the Free Zone are reminded to request an SOC TC for any containerized shipment in order to avoid demurrage/penalties and to secure any valuable items.
- For the time being, five MSUs have been erected. One and a half MSUs are available for common storage free of cost. The following items are currently stored there: 25 m³ of water donated by Khalsa Aid; two WFP prefabs and ancillaries (office/home); one WFP genset (14 KVA); 3 m³ ACF sanitation items; 58 m³ SIF food. Available capacity is 150 m².
- A warehouse training is scheduled for 14:30 on 3 May in Choucha.

6. Mapping

- Maps are available on the website for download at: <http://www.logcluster.org/ops/lby11a/docs?doctype=Maps%20%26%20Geograph>
- There is no longer a WFP GIS officer in Cairo. Support is now being provided by WFP GIS staff in Rome.
- Additional maps are available at: <http://libya.humanitarianresponse.info>

7. Meeting Schedule

- **Next meeting:** Wednesday, 4 May 2011, 20:00 hrs, Odyssey Hotel, Zarzis

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