

DURBAN DAILY SITUATION ANALYSIS – RECOVERY PLAN

10h00am Thursday 15 July 2021.

(Minutes of Durban Operations Daily Recovery Update Meeting 10am daily)

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Situational analysis of status and recovery.

- Most areas in Durban seem to have settled with sporadic unrest in places. Quiet but tense.
- Communities are mostly preparing for food scarcity thereby focusing on stocking of supplies and fuel.
- Due to limitation on movement of taxis, buses and trains, staff dependent on public transport are not able to travel to places of work. Those with private transport are concerned about safety.
- We understand that the main fuel refinery is closed and fuel distribution has all but ceased at this time. Fuel availability is scarce and many fuel stations have run out of fuel.

Cold Store status of operations.

- All Durban cold stores remain mostly non-operational.
- We have liaised with cold stores to increase security with security being visible on entry points to avert cargo being vandalised once trucks begin arriving to Durban.

Transnet Port Terminal status of operations

- Pier 1 – non-operational.
- Pier 2 – 2 waterside gangs 6am to 2pm, target is 7 gangs from 2pm.

Shipping lines and shipping services status of operations

- Delays in Durban could well prevent reefer container equipment supply to EC and WC ports.
- Container depots remain closed in Durban.

PPECB and DALRRD status of operations

- PPECB and DALRRD offices remain closed.
- DALRRD have diverted certification tasks to other offices.

Inland transport and national road status

- At this time, we can confirm road closures N3 between Harrismith and Cedara as well as N2 still persists. No trucks are able to enter or depart the Durban metro at this time. Transporters not in a position to begin with transportation due to possible security issues.
- We are coordinating with Agbiz to ensure passage from Reef to Durban is manned and secured at hot spot areas.
- We are seeing heightened presence of SAPS, SANDF and private security being dispatched to Mooi River at this time. We would like to see the entire N2 and N3 properly manned.
- We have estimated a few hundred trucks are loaded with citrus and staged at various areas awaiting transit to Durban.

- It is foreseen that truck supply could be well stretched and prices could escalate due to limited backhaul availability back to the reef.
- Natcor rail line from Reef to Durban remains non-operational.

General

- **It was stressed that there is a need to ensure the ports are functioning and operations at cold stores begin prior to dispatching trucks to Durban.** There is a backlog of cargo remaining at cold stores and on trucks that needs to be cleared to ensure space is available for new consignments to arrive. It is strongly urged that packhouses gauge the situation in Durban prior to dispatching of trucks.
- Important for exporters moving cargo from north to Cape Town that cold stores in Cape Town are also full in occupancy. Reefer containers are also limited in supply and replacement from Durban will be constrained.
- Due to the backlog in vessel operations at DCT, shipping schedules will be disrupted for a period of time.
- Other matters: 1) electronic phyto issuing, and 2) cargo transit north to Cape Town, was referred to DALRRD 12pm meeting today.

CGA and AgBIZ have contact with authorities in charge of security in KZN. If you witness or are confronted with vandalism of your facilities please contact Justin Chadwick on 083 654 9591 or send a Whatsapp; we will escalate and request assistance.

Best Regards

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