

DURBAN DAILY SITUATION ANALYSIS & RECOVERY PLAN JULY 2021

10h00am Monday 19 July 2021.

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

Situational analysis of status and recovery.

- Most areas in Durban seem to have settled and calm now mostly restored. Firm
- Food supply and supply of goods still scarce in areas although we are seeing restocking of goods increasing.
- **We are not seeing threats and circulation of such all but ceased. However communities and businesses remain vigilant.**

Transnet Port Terminal status of operations

- Pier 1 – Full gangs all operations intact.
- Pier 2 – Full gangs all operations intact.
- Port is receiving reefer containers aligned to export stack dates.
- **Due to slow evacuation of import containers, the terminals are becoming constrained with high volume of imports. We flag this as imminent challenge and is being addressed via SAAFF working group.**
- **Pier 1 still has over 260 import reefers on hand and these need to be uplifted as soon as possible to open space for exports.**

Shipping lines and shipping services status of operations

- Shipping delays are expected due to bottlenecks, services may change rotation or omit certain ports. Exporters encouraged to monitor closely. The recovery of the interruption to port operations has not been as dire as initially thought, recovery to vessel schedules could be sooner than expected. Being monitored.
- Delays in Durban could well prevent reefer container equipment re-supply to EC and WC ports. Being monitored.
- **A very urgent and necessary call has been made for all container depots to open 24hrs and all transporters to affect 24 hr operations. Shipping lines called to effect container releases timeously. This is necessary to catch up on backlogs and to prevent bottlenecks – applies to all cargo. See below.**

Durban container cartage

- We have learnt that many transport businesses have been vandalized and trucks being burnt. Firm
- Transporters are mostly not in a position to haul containers due to staff shortages and security threat. Still ongoing although movement is increasing but not at required levels.
- Transporters advised that truck movement would likely only be during daylight hours for the time being. This has been identified as the biggest constraint for re-enactment of full cargo flows. This issue is being attended to by SAAFF working committee via DTIC task group to increase security presence along key road networks in Durban.
- Following number was shared by Transnet to call upon if any security risks are uncouncted in Durban port environment. Col Mel Newton-079 523 4019, SAPS Ops Commander, Port of Durban.

Cold Store status of operations.

- All Durban citrus fruit cold store facilities are now back to good/full operational capability. Only limited containers are available for cold stores to load out containers. Farm trucks are arriving in good numbers and these are being tended to.
- All Durban citrus fruit cold store facilities are intact, well-guarded and secure. Firm
- Most if not all cold stores are full to capacity and require urgent exports to make space available for new consignment arrivals. Cold stores are aligned and geared for 24 hour operations.
- 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. Firm
- FPT have suggested prioritization of dispatching consignments for conventional breakbulk exports to FPT as the breakbulk shipments are well on track with next vessel Beluga Reefer ETA 19/07.

PPECB and DALRRD status of operations

- PPECB and DALRRD offices back in service.
- Preclearance inspections back to normal.

Inland transport and national road status

- N3 and N2 open and traffic is flowing. Roads flowing and well manned. Toll roads open and flowing. We anticipate no obstruction to trucks flows from inland to port for the time being.
- We have estimated a few hundred trucks are loaded with citrus and staged at various areas awaiting transit to Durban. These are now flowing into port.
- **We are strongly advising packhouses to track all consignments that have departed inland from 4 July to ascertain confirmed delivery to port. We need to bear in mind the N3 was impacted by protest action as early as 4 July.**
- It is foreseen that truck supply could be well stretched and prices could escalate due to limited backhaul availability back to the reef. We also learnt that the fuel price will likely increase.
- Natcor rail line from Reef to Durban is now open and operational. We have learnt that a number of locomotives failed at start up and this is being attended to – update at 20 July meeting.

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. Growers and Packhouse should remain in communication with exporters and logistics partners to ensure the pipeline for exports is functioning and is safe prior to routing trucks to Durban. Firm
- Meeting for Tuesday 20 July will also be important to ascertain the situation regarding port container transport and 24 hour container operations. Important to join the call please.
- Production from north still intact no foreseeable changes to estimates, fruit is still on the trees and will flow to ports once production commences during the week.
- Packhouses are finding it difficult to source transport at this time, we do anticipate truck flows will commence during the week.



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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.

Please feel free to call on CGA staff for assistance when needed, staff details are available on the website www.cga.co.za.

Above all else, your safety and the safety of your loved ones remains paramount!

Best Regards

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