

DURBAN DAILY SITUATION ANALYSIS & RECOVERY PLAN JULY 2021

10h00am Tuesday 20 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
- Movement of people seems to now be free flowing and workers reporting to work.

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.
- **Truck activity at the terminals now flowing at full pace and import containers are being uplifted.**
- **Pier 1 still has over 200 import reefers on hand and these need to be uplifted as soon as possible to open space for exports. SAAFF are addressing this.**

Shipping lines and shipping services status of operations

- Shipping delays are evident on the present vessels and there is not much impact to following vessels.
- **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. We are seeing 24 hr movement of trucks, we therefore see alignment to this need.**

Durban container cartage

- We have seen very high volume of truck activity moving containers to and from the terminals. We should see this continuing going forward.
- We would like to thank the transport community for re-enacting transport in the port.
- We have identified that liaison is necessary between port management, eThekweni municipality and KZN provincial government to draw attention to the need for a plan of action should such events reoccur. This given that the issue of security within the Durban port precinct and arterial routes has been under threat for a period of time.
- Following number was shared by Transnet to call upon if any security risks are uncouneted 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 full operational capability. Container supply is good and vessel reefer export stacks are open and accepting reefers.
- We are very thankful that facilities storing citrus are intact, safe and secure.
- Security presence at cold store facilities will remain intact for the time being.
- 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 21/07.

PPECB and DALRRD status of operations

Reg. No. 2000/010147/081

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- PPECB and DALRRD offices back in service.
- Preclearance inspections back to normal.
- For matters relating to DALRRD extension of age of fruit inspections please contact Deon Joubert deonj@cga.co.za.

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 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. Transporters have advised that supply of trucks to packhouses and in particular long distance transport of containers could be hindered for a short period of time.
- 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. Status remains although being attended to.

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.** Port operations now mostly fully restored.

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.

Many thanks to all participants during the 10am meeting and special thanks to all citrus industry partners for responding well during this trying time.

Best Regards

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