

## Update on COVID-19 Situation in East Africa

SPEDAG INTERFREIGHT continue to make all efforts to keep you informed on the general situation in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic, please find attached recent and self-explanatory communications and up-dates.

The delays caused by the requirements for COVID-19 testing continue to slow down the cargo movement from the ports and across the borders. The queues at the various border points remain, albeit vary in length on a daily basis.

As mentioned in our previous communications, we must re-emphasize that the delays and costs caused by the various measures taken by the various Governments to control the spread of COVID-19 are beyond our control and represent a Force Majeure Situation. Therefore related costs like Container Demurrage, Surcharges, temporary storage etc. are for account of cargo.

For you to avoid exorbitant costs of Container Demurrage we also need to reiterate again that you need to ensure that you/your suppliers book with shipping lines which extend a free period of minimum 45 days for Uganda destined cargo. On any shipments where a free period of less than 45 days has been extended, an ad-hoc demurrage up to 45 days will be passed on at cost. This will apply to shipments which had arrived during and after June 2020, in line with the communications made throughout that period.

For your general guideline, following are the MINIMUM container free periods for the various countries in the region you/your supplier should negotiate with the shipping lines to reduce on the extra costs;

Destination Country	
Kenya / Tanzania	14 Days
Uganda	45 Days
Rwanda	50 Days
South Sudan	60 Days
DRC	60 Days

Without prejudice on our part, we can also advise you that certain Goods in Transit Insurance policies – depending on the insurance cover – may stipulate a possible reimbursement of some of the extra charges related to a Force Majeure situation. Irrespective of this however, cargo owners will be required to initially settle such charges against invoice and claim from the insurance thereafter where this is possible.

While we continue to make all efforts to mitigate the situation, your co-operation and patience will also help to overcome this situation at the earliest.