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WEST AFRICA FERTILIZER WATCH

PROVIDING WEEKLY INFORMATION ON THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE WEST AFRICA FERTILIZER MARKET

HIGHLIGHTS

Sanitary/economic restrictions ease as deliveries continue.

Although cases of COVID-19 continue to increase in the region (+53% in one week), several countries have begun opening their economies as the planting season approaches. Ports, transport, borders, and input outlets are functional, despite some additional slowdowns and hassles.

National, regional, and continental responses are being put in place:

- ▶ Following the ECOWAS Ministers of Agriculture declaration of March 27 and April 23 **Extraordinary Summit**, the **African Union** did the same on April 27 with food security and nutrition during the COVID-19 pandemic, a few months before the commencement of trading of the Continental African Free Trade Area (CTFA). Agro inputs are considered essential and/or strategic commodities.
- ▶ In **Ghana**, deliveries for Planting for Food and Jobs (PFJ) 2020 have commenced. In **Côte d'Ivoire**, fertilizer imports are considered to produce 500,000 tons of additional rice. **Togo** is ready to implement its COVID-19 agricultural response plan.

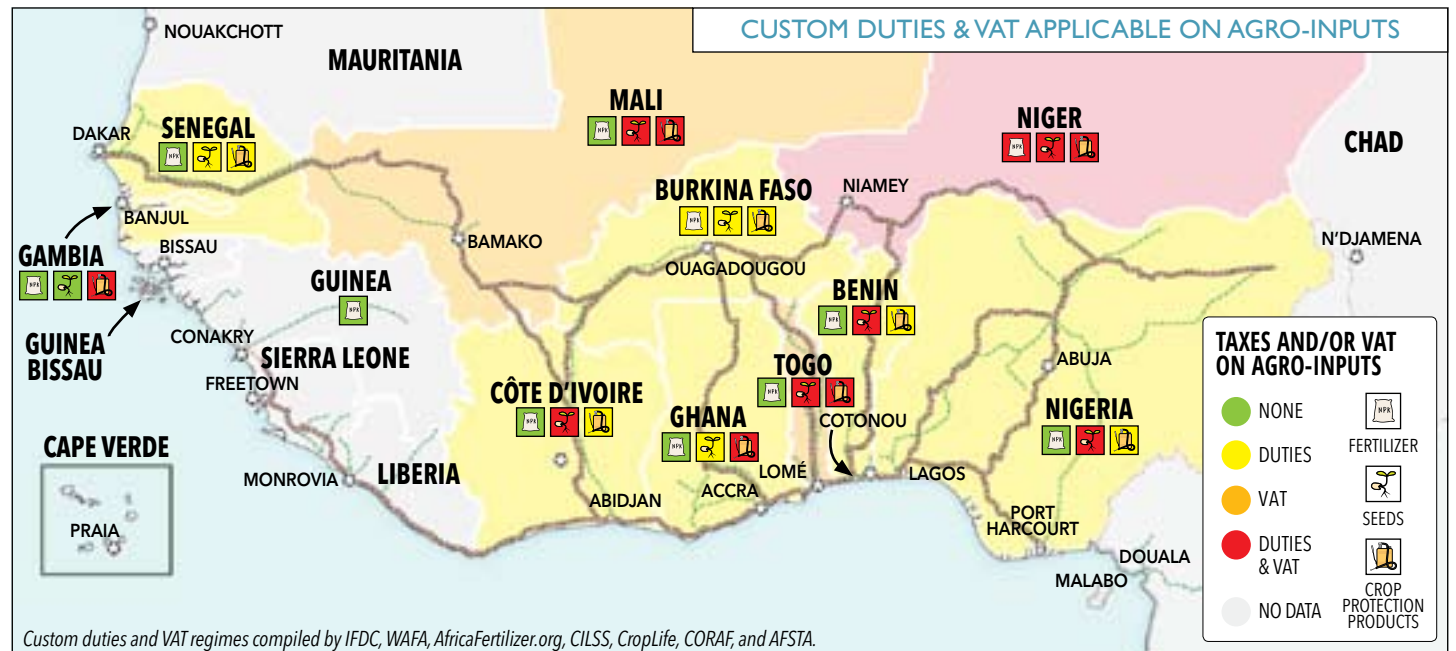
The **ECOWAS and UEMOA Common External Tariff (CET)** is well applied for all agricultural inputs, with an almost general exemption from customs duties and VAT for fertilizers. While customs duties are 5% for seeds and pesticides, a 15-18% VAT is applied more often on seeds. Exemptions are frequent in the context of public interventions (e.g. subsidies).



STATS

	Covid -19	Public Measures	Measures affecting fertilizer logistics				Fertilizer Markets	
Country								
BENIN								
BURKINA FASO								
CAPE VERDE								
CHAD								
CÔTE D'IVOIRE								
GAMBIA								
GHANA								
GUINEA BISSAU								
GUINEA								
LIBERIA								
MALI								
MAURITANIA								
NIGER								
NIGERIA								
SENEGAL								
SIERRA LEONE								
TOGO								

Color	COVID-19 pandemic: diagnosed cases on a week-on-week basis	Economic status: government measures, logistics, finance	Fertilizer market indicators:		
Green	Stable	No impact &/or improvement	% stock coverage	% subsidized/total market	Retail/FOB urea price ratio
Yellow	Up to 25%	Limited impact	80% +	Up to 30%	80% +
Orange	25% - 50%	Moderate impact	50 - 80%	30 - 50%	50 - 80%
Red	> 50%	Strong impact	30 - 50%	50 - 80%	30 - 50%
Grey	No data	No data	< 30%	80% +	< 30%
			No data	No data	No data



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