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COVID-19 FERTILIZER WATCH

PROVIDING INFORMATION ON THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE EAST & SOUTHERN AFRICA FERTILIZER MARKET

HIGHLIGHTS

- Lockdown Status:** The lockdown status of countries in the region remains unchanged, with several countries extending restrictions such as states of emergency, curfews, lockdowns in hotspots, and allowing businesses to resume operations under strict COVID preventive guidelines. Some countries, however, are now considering re-opening schools, with Uganda, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe taking a phased approach with the reopening of primary schools, secondary schools and universities. Several countries have opened their borders for repatriation of citizens and evacuation of foreign nationals. Tanzania is the only country that has fully re-opened its borders for passenger flights. Many countries continue to receive aid from various sources such as World Bank grants and IMF loans to help with both medical staff and equipment, including testing capacity.
- Fertilizer Availability:** There have been no reported shortages of fertilizer from the supply side, barring some minor issues with shipping lines sending out blank sailing notices, possibly affecting lead times for future fertilizer orders in the coming months. The long rains continue in East Africa, with the winter cropping season ongoing in Southern Africa.
- Ports:** Port operations largely remain unchanged as they still require isolation periods and restrictions on crew changes and quarantining for returning crew members. Ports continue to operate on reduced shifts (1/3 operational on a 15-day cycle) with modified operations.
- Road Freight:** Normal movement of cargo has been observed in the region, however the unavailability or reduction in back-freight cargo continues to cause losses for logistics companies. Several countries are undertaking truck driver screening and testing within borders and at border crossings.
- Border Crossing:** Truck driver testing is operational at all border crossings. However, several countries are in negotiations to set up guidelines that will ease border congestion. Guidelines may include permitting truckers to continue their onward journeys as tests are processed and notifications to seek immediate medical attention sent to those with positive results. Current testing rigor is dependent on the country of departure, and ranges from the use of "relay drivers" to transport goods internally, isolation at border posts, escorted mandatory isolation, denial of entry and repatriation, or only temperature testing.
- Fertilizer Sector Response:** As the cropping season is already ongoing in most countries, fertilizer associations and private sector companies continue working closely with Ministry of Agriculture officials to ensure efficiency in the distribution channel within the needs of the COVID-19 restrictions.

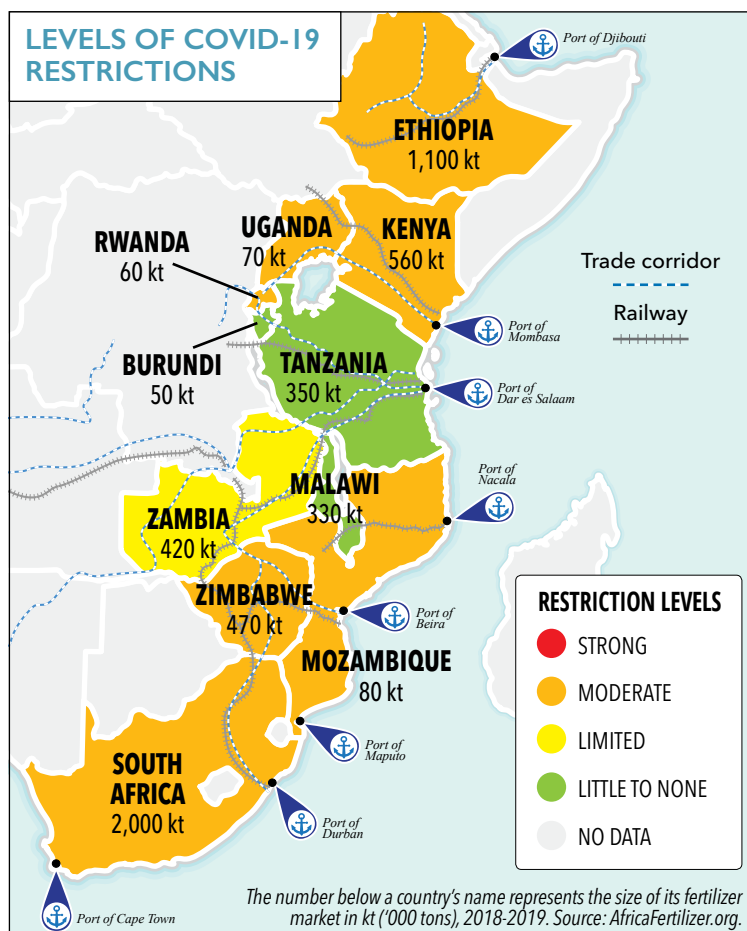
STATS

COUNTRY	COVID-19 CASES	PUBLIC MEASURES		MEASURES AFFECTING FERTILIZER SECTOR							
		CONFIRMED # COVID-19 CASES	COVID-19 NEW CASES PERCENT INCREASE	HEALTH MEASURES	ECONOMIC MEASURES	PORT OPERATIONS	DOMESTIC TRANSPORT	TRANSIT & BORDERS	AGRO INPUT RETAIL SHOPS	FERTILIZER SECTOR RESPONSE	FERTILIZER STOCKS AVAILABILITY
BURUNDI	144										
ETHIOPIA	2,034										
KENYA	5,206										
MALAWI	848										
MOZAMBIQUE	762										
RWANDA	830										
SOUTH AFRICA	111,796										
TANZANIA	509										
UGANDA	805										
ZAMBIA	1,489										
ZIMBABWE	530										

PANDEMIC INDICATORS:
 NO CHANGE, OR IMPROVED (Green) | UP TO 25% INCREASE (Yellow) | 25-50% INCREASE (Orange) | >50% INCREASE (Red) | NO DATA REPORTED (Grey)
LOGISTICS INDICATORS:
 LITTLE TO NO IMPACT (Green) | LIMITED IMPACT (Yellow) | MODERATE IMPACT (Orange) | STRONG IMPACT (Red) | NO DATA OR N/A (Grey)

CONFIRMED # COVID-19 CASES (Icon: Person with plus) | COVID-19 NEW CASES PERCENT INCREASE (Icon: Person with plus and arrow) | HEALTH MEASURES (Icon: Stethoscope) | ECONOMIC MEASURES (Icon: Bar chart) | PORT OPERATIONS (Icon: Ship)
 DOMESTIC TRANSPORT (Icon: Truck) | TRANSIT & BORDERS (Icon: Border crossing) | AGRO INPUT RETAIL SHOPS (Icon: Shop) | FERTILIZER SECTOR RESPONSE (Icon: Fertilizer bag) | FERTILIZER STOCKS AVAILABILITY (Icon: Fertilizer bag)

LEVELS OF COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS



RESTRICTION LEVELS

- STRONG
- MODERATE
- LIMITED
- LITTLE TO NONE
- NO DATA

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