



## ALERT No. 6 Earthquake in Haiti

January 26, 2010

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**AmericasRelief Team is monitoring this event**

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### **AmericasRelief Team's Emergency Center Report**

**The AmericasRelief Team's Emergency Center has been activated; the Center is staffed to help coordinate the shipping of relief aid to victims of the event.**

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## Ports in Haiti Summary

The National Port Authority Terminal (APN) south pier remains partially available and is being used to offload humanitarian cargos in addition to small tugs embarking other general/humanitarian cargos, including fuel. Some outlying ports/facilities are receiving cargo including Jacmel, Cimenterie National, Port de Paix, Labadie and Cap Haitian. Additional cargos are shifting to Dominican Republic for eventual transfer to APN terminals--169 containers from the M/V CROWLEY AMERICA (humanitarian) arrived in DomRep yesterday and were transported via highway to the PaP APN today.

## Port of Port Au Prince Progress Report

Movement of cargo at the port in PaP will continue to be very restricted and must receive prior notice from the Coast Guard before usage. The South pier is being used for limited operations and requires a self-gearred vessel in order to discharge. No heavy equipment, such as a crane is allowed in the pier. Any activity in PaP is limited to aid cargo (no commercial ocean cargo at PaP). A slot must be obtained from government before it is assigned; government cargo continues to be a priority. Fuel continues to be an issue. No tariffs are being charged by the Haitian government for relief aid.

Additionally:

- The south pier in PaP remains partially available for vessel traffic/cargo offload--considerations and approvals on a case by case basis working through the APN Port Director and the VTM team onboard CGC OAK. The USN Dive/Survey Team released pier parameters and it is estimated that the south pier has sufficient capacity to berth a container barge on the north side and two small ships on the south side with wind speeds up to 35kts. The south face pier length is aprpx. 650 ft and north face 500ft. The vertical load capacity is estimated at 250lbs per square foot (psf), suitable for a tractor trailer and small fork lift.
- To assist the Haitian Port Authority and at their request, the MTSRU modified the Safety Broadcast Notice to Mariners to 96-hour advance notice of arrival with update requirements at 72, 48 and 24 hours prior to arrival via VHF-FM to the temporary Vessel Traffic Management team onboard USCGC

OAK. This broadcast is being read every two hours. The Notice of Arrivals are also being received/tracked and disseminated by SCC-Lant.

- Cimenterie Nationale (North)/Cement pier is available. Self-Geared vessels only. Small, narrow, and other possible problems to operate.
- Military Temporary Loading Ramp. RO/RO. Available. Pier is limited to 40% of full load capacity.

#### Test of Crowley Maritime Discharge

The Crowley Maritime Corp. container ship Marcajama, which offloaded the containers, returned to Port Everglades over the weekend to load more relief cargo. The ship will return to Port-au-Prince in the middle of this week and discharge containers via the proven lightering method utilizing two shuttle vessels. The success of this operation, involved lifting the containers from a Crowley container ship anchored in the harbour to a smaller, shallow-draft landing vessel for transport and discharge over the beach.

Future cargo operations in the port should improve substantially in the coming weeks. Crowley is mobilizing two 400ft-long, 100ft-wide flat deck barges, along with two Manitowoc 230-ton crawler cranes that will be brought into Port-au-Prince to serve as a makeshift dock for future cargo operations. The first barge and crane should arrive in Haiti on or about February 4. The second deck barge is being outfitted in Lake Charles (LA) and will arrive by the middle of next month.

#### Recommendations

Recommendation for cargo discharging in Haiti remain limited to Gonaives and Cap Haitian, where there are no limitations (except as related to the ports depth, pier, and facilities). Liner services operating in Gonaives strip containers after discharge. Movement of some security forces to Gonaives and Cap Haitian is being considered. But nothing is planned for security to help trucks with cargo moving to PaP.

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## Cargo Space Available

**AmericasRelief Team** is constantly in discussions with ocean and air cargo carriers to help secure aid space for relief NGOs. Contact us at [info@americasrelief.org](mailto:info@americasrelief.org) to help you secure cargo for free or at charity rates.

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## Staging WAREHOUSING IN MIAMI FOR NGOs

**AmericasRelief Team** has available at no cost to NGOs a staging warehouse for cargo prepared to ship within 5 days to your own organization working on the ground. For more information contact Wesley Kirton at (305) 321-0033. **We can receive all types of cargo except hazardous shipments.**

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## Regulations from U.S. Customs for relief shipments to Haiti

### **Distribution: Filers, importers, carriers and other interested parties**

U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the Census Bureau are coordinating efforts regarding the submission of Electronic Export Information (EEI) via the Automated Export System.

The Census Bureau will continue to require submission of the EEI for all export shipments going to Haiti, including relief supplies. Shipments valued under \$2500 may cite the EEI exception 15 CFR 30.37(a) or 30.37(b). The exporter for shipments that qualify for a different EEI exception should cite those exceptions on the shipping documents provided to the carrier. The exports of goods valued over \$2500 should provide the Internal Transaction Number (e.g., X20100121000025) to the carrier. Goods requiring a license for export require the submission of the EEI regardless of value.

The Census Bureau has the Census Bureau Foreign Trade Division Call Center that will provide assistance to all exporters seeking to ship relief supplies to Haiti. The Call Center phone number is 1-800-549-0595. The Call Center will provide assistance with registering with Census and filing the EEI for shipments of relief supplies going to Haiti. The Center's operating hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 7 AM to 7:30 PM (EST) and Thursday and Friday from 7 AM to 5:30 PM (EST). Some additional information may be found on the Census Bureau's web site at [www.census.gov/foreign-trade/index.html](http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/index.html).

The following Schedule B or Harmonized Tariff Schedule Numbers should be utilized when filing the EEI for relief supplies going to Haiti.

9802.100000	Donated Food Products
9802.200000	Donated Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Products
9802.300000	Donated Wearing Apparel
9802.400000	All other donated materials

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## USAID and NGO Coordination of Efforts in Haiti

USAID's Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance strongly urges NGOs working on the ground to plug into the UN Cluster system that has been set up. These twelve clusters (Food, Health, Logistics, Shelter and Non-Food Items, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, Telecommunications, Early Recovery, Agriculture, Camp Coordination/ Management, Nutrition, Protection, and Education) are meeting on an almost daily basis to coordinate activities. Contact information for these clusters is below.

Updated UN/OCHA information is frequently being posted at:  
<http://www.onerresponse.info/Disasters/Haiti/Pages/default.aspx>.

OneResponse is a collaborative inter-agency website designed to enhance humanitarian coordination within the cluster approach, and support the predictable exchange of information in emergencies at the country level. The site is rich with updated maps, situation reports, as well as Cluster meeting times and contact numbers.

- To find contact information for staff working on these clusters, click here: <http://www.onerresponse.info/Disasters/Haiti/Pages/default.aspx>. Immediately under the box entitled "Highlights/Key Priorities" is a column titled "Clusters." Click on the cluster name relevant to your work or challenge to find staff contact information, meeting announcements, maps, and news. Some clusters have more information than others. Also on the site are maps, situation reports, and other key coordination documents.
- On the coordination page <http://onerresponse.info/Disasters/Haiti/Coordination/Pages/default.aspx>, there is a master schedule of UNOCHA meetings through January 24, 2010 with meeting contact information. Within the next few days, staff from InterAction will be joining UNOCHA to assist with its NGO coordination work of all responding NGOs.
- It is critical for NGOs on the ground in Haiti to plug into OCHA's coordination mechanism, including sharing information on their activities so that OCHA can create their Who What Where matrix. This matrix will help prevent the duplication of services and ensure that vulnerable populations are being addressed.

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## Donations of Goods

The Government of Haiti has received generous offers of assistance from countries around the world and has asked the U.S. Government to provide support in responding to these offers of assistance. USAID has been asked to identify whether any of the offers meet the needs of NGOs responding to the earthquake. The following are the broad categories of goods possibly available for use by NGOs for their relief and recovery activities:

- Medical Supplies
- Water Purification Units
- Shelter (tents, tarps)
- Bedding
- Communications Equipment

In an effort to respect donor intent, organizations interested in receiving these goods should be currently on the ground responding to the earthquake in Haiti, affiliated with the emergency response process, and committed to using the goods in line with their purpose.

If your organization is interested in learning more about these offers, please send an email indicating your interest to [RebuildHaiti@usaid.gov](mailto:RebuildHaiti@usaid.gov). In the subject line of the email, please type "**Matched Interest.**" In the content of the email, please provide specifics on your needs for the items of interest and a point of contact for additional follow-up.

If you are not interested in these goods, please email [RebuildHaiti@usaid.gov](mailto:RebuildHaiti@usaid.gov) with a subject line of "**No Matched Interest.**"

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**AmericasRelief Team** does not have the capacity to respond to or coordinate the hundreds of offers of volunteers, commodities and commercial ventures that are pouring in. We encourage you to register these offers with the Center for International Disaster Information online ([www.cidi.org](http://www.cidi.org)) or via the hotline (1-703-276-1914).

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## Guidance for Relief Workers Traveling to Haiti

Please find below a link to the CDC's Guidance for Relief Workers and Others Traveling to Haiti for the Earthquake response.

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/content/news-announcements/relief-workers-haiti>.

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## AIR CARGO SHIPPERS

Contact AmericasRelief Team's Logistics Coordinator Mr. Eric Williams at (305) 987-2030 or via e-mail at [eric.williams@landstarmail.com](mailto:eric.williams@landstarmail.com).

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## Suggested Freight Forwarders

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## Ocean Cargo Services To Haiti

### **Cap Hatien and Gonaives Sante' Shipping Lines Inc.**

Bruno Ramos and Chuck Towsley  
Sailing schedule: Every other Thursday  
Next departure: January 28th  
Capacity: containers and reefers  
Call: 1-877-726-8346  
Depart from: 3007 NW South River Drive  
Miami, Florida  
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### **Gonaives 3600 Shipping Terminal**

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