



EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

One People, One Destiny

Strengthening regional cooperation on coordinated trade
and transport policy response to COVID-19

EAC Regional Trade Portal during COVID-19

Focus: Best transparency practices using Trade Portals to
build resilience.

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THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

In Brief

The East African Community (EAC) is a regional inter-governmental organization of the Republic of **Burundi**, Republic of **Kenya**, Republic of **Rwanda**, Republic of **South Sudan**, the United Republic of **Tanzania**, and the Republic of **Uganda**, with its headquarters in Arusha, Tanzania.

Vision

A prosperous, competitive, secure, stable and politically united East Africa.

Mission

To widen and deepen economic, political, social and cultural integration in order to improve the quality of life of the people of East Africa through increased competitiveness, value added production and investment.

Quick Figures



Total Surface Area
2.5 million sq. km



Population
187 million ⁽²⁰²⁰⁾



GDP Nominal
US\$ 228.1 billion ⁽²⁰²⁰⁾



EAC REGIONAL INTEGRATION PILLARS

A HIGHLIGHT

CUSTOMS UNION

2005

Enabling the EAC Partner States to enjoy economies of scale, with a view to supporting the process of economic development through the establishment of a Single Customs Territory.

COMMON MARKET

2010

Accelerating economic growth and development while maintaining a liberal stance towards the **5** Freedoms of movement for all factors of production in the region.

MONETARY UNION

2013

Laying the groundwork within a 10-year span, while allowing the EAC Partner States to progressively converge their currencies into a single currency in the Community.

POLITICAL FEDERATION

ONGOING

Putting in place initiatives to fast-track political integration. In May 2017 EAC Heads of State adopted the **Political Confederation** as a transitional model of the East African Political Federation.



1st positive cases of covid-19 in EAC

PANIC IN REGION

- ❖ **Kenya** confirmed a Coronavirus (COVID-19) case on the **12th March 2020**, as the first case reported in Kenya.
- ❖ **Rwanda** reported its 1st case on **14th March 2020**.
- ❖ **Tanzania** received the **first case** on **16 March 2020**.
- ❖ **Burundi** confirmed first case of corona virus on **25 March 2020**.
- ❖ **South Sudan** reported the country's first case of COVID-19 on **April 5th 2020**.
- ❖ **Uganda** reports 1st Corona Virus. **09-Jun-2020**.



COVID-19 MEASURES ▾



EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY REGIONAL TRADE INFORMATION PORTAL

See import and export procedures step-by-step:

Select country ▾

Select operation ▾

Select product ▾

Search

BURUNDI

KENYA

RWANDA

TANZANIA

UGANDA

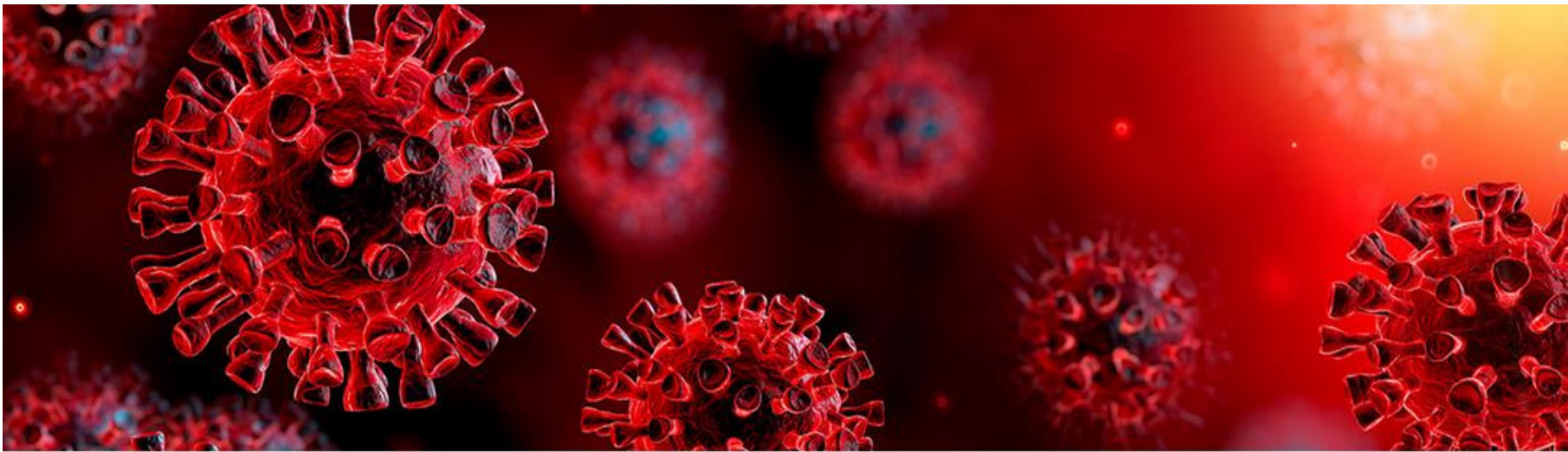
Trade Information Portal (article 1 of the WTO TFA)

Key objectives is to increase the transparency of trade procedures.

TIPs are operational in Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania Uganda and Burundi.

Burundi	Kenya	Rwanda	URT	Uganda	RSS	Regional
√ https://info.commerce.bi/	√ https://info.tradekenya.go.ke/	√ https://rwandatrade.rw/	√ https://trade.business.go.tz/	√ https://ugandatrades.go.ug/	n/a	https://tradehelpdesk.eac.int/

- The EAC Trade Information Portal (TIP) gives access to step-by-step guides on licenses, pre-clearance permits and clearance formalities for the most traded goods within, to and from the East African Community (EAC).
- One shop information including information including Covid : <https://www.eac.int/coronavirus>



EAC COVID-19 UPDATES



The situation at Busia/Busia OSBP on 26 November 2020 report of Reuters news



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WORLD NEWS NOVEMBER 26, 2020 / 12:44 PM / UPDATED 2 YEARS AGO

Sixty km queues as COVID turns Kenyan border crossing into lorry park

Before COVID-19, Kenyan driver Joseph Kimani used five-hour wait to cross from Kenya into Uganda with his cargo of diesel.

With Covid 19 the queue on the Kenyan side, extended upto 60 km (37 miles), take five days to clear and, for them, life on the road had become literally that.

“The long queues were attributed to Covid 19 related health checks.

60 Km queue of Trucks at Busia/Busia



EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY (EAC) ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES TO FACILITATE MOVEMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

- 2.1. To complement national measures against the COVID-19 pandemic;
- 2.2. To ensure smooth and uninterrupted movement of goods and services during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- 2.3. To encourage local production of essential products during this COVID-19 pandemic;
- 2.4. To enhance regional awareness on measures instituted against the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- 2.5. To mitigate the negative impact of COVID-19 on the movement of goods and services.

3.1. TRADE FACILITATION

Partner States must continue to facilitate the movement of goods and services from and to other Partner States by:

- 3.1.1. Adopting a multi-Sectoral and coordinated approach;
- 3.1.2. Providing access at all designated points for entry and exit of goods;
- 3.1.3. Providing for adequate personnel at designated points;
- 3.1.4. Treating cross border movement of trucks and cargo as essential services;
- 3.1.5. Directing Transporters and Transporters Associations to adhere to the requirement of having only two (2) to three (3) operators of the truck including the driver;
- 3.1.6. Enforcing mandatory screening or testing of truck drivers and crew at border posts and undertake monitoring during transit at selected inland points;
- 3.1.7. Quarantining those with symptoms for 14 days under the

EAC Covid Portal

What is a Coronavirus?



What is a Coronavirus?

Coronaviruses (CoV) are a large family of viruses that cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases. Find out more about this novel coronavirus (nCoV) that has not been previously identified in humans.

[Read More >](#)

Frequently Asked Questions



FAQs

What are the symptoms of COVID-19? How can I protect myself? Should I worry about COVID-19?

[Get the answers here >](#)

Mawali ya Mara kwa Mara Kuhusu UKIO-19

[Pata Majibu Hapa >](#)

What you need to know

Protect Yourself

The 7 Steps Prevent the spread of COVID-19



Coronavirus myth busters

Are Hand Dryers effective in killing the new coronavirus?

Do vaccines against pneumonia protect you against the new coronavirus?

Can spraying alcohol all over my body kill the new coronavirus?











Simplification via Automation of Processes

Steps (17)

- Obtain export license (3)
 - 1 Submit application for export license
 - 2 Field visit
 - 3 Obtain export license
- Obtain a phytosanitary certificate (4)
 - 4 Pay application fee
 - ★ Register as an eRalis user **OPTIONAL**
 - 5 Submit application for phytosanitary certificate
 - 6 Pack house inspection
 - 7 Obtain phytosanitary certificate
- Contracting a clearing agent (1)
 - 8 Contract a clearing agent

Summary of the procedure

Institutions involved (10)

 National Agricultural Export Development Board (NAEB) (x 3)	 RRA Non Fiscal Revenue Services	 eRalis Portal	 Rwanda Inspectorate, Competition and Consumer Protection Authority (RICA) (x 2)
 Clearing agent	 e-Single Window (x 3)	 Airline	 Kigali International Airport (x 3)
 Bank	 Customs Services Department - Kigali International Airport		

Traders can obtain permits, Licenses, SPS certificates, CoO , declare goods..... and Pay online. **Limit the contamination**

Trade portals

Traders and Transporters and Customs Brokers :

- Planning logistics
- Advocacy for facilitation and simplification
- Predictability of Trade

Borders agencies:

- Passenger Clearance coordination and Trade Facilitation

EAC Secretariat and Partner States :

- Coordination of interventions
- Policy decisions to addresses the effect of Covid on Trade and Movement of people
- Development of solutions :
 - Covid portal : <https://www.eac.int/coronavirus>
 - drivers tracker : <https://eacpass.eac.int>
 - Safe Trade
 - Post covid recovery plan
 - Aid for Safe Trade

Solutions : EAC Pass

Share your COVID-19 Test Certificate and/or Vaccination Certificate so you can safely return to travel and life.



English



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1,524,683
COVID-19 Test Certificate

157,047
Total Registered Users

17,593
Valid COVID-19 Test Certificate

124
Total Number Countries

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EACPass

COVID-19 Test Certificate

Share your COVID-19 Test Certificate and/or Vaccination Certificate so you can safely return to travel and life. Download EACPass from [Google Playstore](#) and/or [Apple iStore](#) and sign up for seamless traveling.

20 million travelers within EAC to benefit from EACPass



EACPass Benefits

EACPass will be rolled out throughout the East African region and will have multiple benefits, some of which are:



Shelter economy by providing uninterrupted trade



Proof of immunization within EAC



Digital Vaccination Certificate



Easing the Process

EACPass facilitates the travel industry by getting back to normal while keeping people safe in the wake of pandemic. It integrates all East African Community Countries Negative test results for covid-19 and those vaccinated supporting those who are traveling across and beyond the regional.



Thank you for your attention



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