

**AQABA PORT - UNJLC UPDATE**

**Location**

Latitude 29-31 North and longitude 35-01 East. It is situated on the north shore of the Gulf of Aqaba. Admiralty chart: 8 and 801. Admiralty pilot: 64. Time zone: GMT +2 hours in winter, 3 hours in summer.

**Authority**

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Special Customs Services: Analysis of samples and examining them in order to know the components of material and for the purpose of classifying in accordance with the Tariff Items.

**Port Radio Station**

Call sign of the radio station: JYO. Operates 24 hrs day, transmits weather forecasts twice a day, and provides telephone and telegraph with Communications cover the Gulf of Aqaba. GMDSS communications equipment coverage A1, A2 services to ships.

**Port Approaches**

Deep with no navigational obstructions.

**Politage & Towage**

Compulsory for vessels over 50 NRT and applies in all port areas. Ships requiring a pilot should contact Port of Aqaba control via (VHF channels 16 & 12) one hour before the ship is ready to move. Advance notice for the requiring a pilot should be given to the agent who should contact the operations department. Pilot boarding area is 1 NM of all berths. Sound signals are prohibited. The use of tugs is compulsory for all berthing. The port has seven tugs, their power varies from 800hp to 3,200hp, usually based in the main port.

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### Information to Port Authority

Vessels must supply the following information to the Port Authority within a reasonable time prior to expect arrival:

- Name of vessel.
- IMO number.
- Nationality.
- Agent's name.
- Overall length.
- Draft forward. Draft aft. & Maximum draft.
- Gross and net tonnage's - arrival displacement.
- Type of cargo destined for Aqaba.
- Any special characteristics of the vessel.
- Any special characteristics of the vessel cargo or over-dimension loads of flat/open containers.

### Vessel Entry

All vessels are subject to inspection according to international conventional and regulation in conformity with Med. MOU on PSC (Mediterranean Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control). Documents to be checked by PSC:

- Log book -- retained by the port authorities during the vessel's stay).
- Tonnage certificate.
- Ship's registry certificate.
- All ship's certificates on board.

### Cargo Documentation

The following documentation is required:

- Two freighted manifests stating all details.
- Ten copies of the UN freighted manifest stating all details except freight.
- Two sets of non-negotiable bills of lading.
- Nine copies of a separate manifest for Free Zone cargoes, which must be included in the general cargo manifest.
- Twelve copies of a separate manifest for cargo in transit for each destination.
- Two lists of reefer containers giving full details of cargo carried.
- Two copies of the heavy lifts list.
- Two lists of dangerous and hazardous cargo lists showing IMO class and UN number to be sent at least 48 hours prior to the vessel's arrival.
- The manifest must be stamped and signed by the agent at the port of loading. Documents must go to the agent's head office.
- Manifests must show the weight, dimensions and other measurements of the cargo. Weight must be shown in kilograms.

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- Manifests must be received in Aqaba at least 48 hours before the arrival of the vessel, of the ship's master must deliver a set to the agent.

### Free Pratique

The following documents are required in accordance with related international conventions:

#### From the ship:

- Four copies of the crew list.
- Four copies of the passenger list.
- One copy of the stores list.
- One copy of the crew declaration list.
- One copy of the vaccination list.

#### From the Agent:

- Two copies of the maritime declaration form.
- Two copies of the customs declaration form.
- One copy of the Pilotage form.

### Service Charges

Service charges will be applied to: anchorage, pilotage and towage, port entrance, wharfage/moorings, stevedoring, lighterage, portage, quay and storage. Special charges may be made for the use of certain handling equipment, for specialized operations or services and for repairs. Special discounts or incentives are available for certain types of traffic or cargo, for example reefer cargo/fruit and vegetable and container traffic/transit or transshipment.

### Anchorage

Depths of 20-90 meters, available 0.8 N.M. from the shore, northwest of the Main Port. Anchorage's 1-7 (Near East), are used for cargo transferred to lighters. Anchorage's 8-11 are used for waiting to berth.

Anchorage's may accommodate up to 14 ships during busy times within the compulsory Pilotage area. At anchor, vessels must stay at least 0.6 NM from the Royal Jetty.

### Stevedores' Working Hours

The Ports Corporation provides its own stevedoring services. These are available 24 hrs a day, seven days a week. Normal working hours are from 0700 to 14.00. Overtime work begins at 17.00 and ends at 0.100. Ships requiring one or two more hours to complete loading or unloading may be worked on by the last shift. All work after 16.00 is considered overtime.

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No work is done on the first days of Eid-El-Fiter and Eid-El-Adha. However, work may be arranged by special request on other holidays at extra overtime rates. During the fasting month of Ramadan, work time is from 07.00 to 13.00 from 21.00 to 03.00. Friday and Saturday are the official weekly holiday in Jordan., although work may be continued on board vessels at overtime rates if requested by the owner or master.

### Stevedoring Costs

Bulk cargo free out to backed and stacked: liner out - \$0.40  
Bagged cargo ships hold to under tackle: ships hold to stacked \$ 3.00

### Reefer Cargo

Temperature records from the voyage to Aqaba are required. Laboratory analysis is also required in order to determine the cargo's fitness for human consumption before the start of discharging operations. The port facility has 371 plugs for reefer containers.

### Water Supplies

Fresh water is available in limited quantities and ships are advised to be fully supplied before arrival. The charge is JD 10 per cubic meter if supplied alongside and JD 16 per cubic meter plus Boast-hire if supplied at anchorage.

### Bunkering

Bunker fuel oil of viscosity 400-4,000@100 degree f (Redwood) is available in limited quantities from the Jordanian Petroleum Refinery. If a vessel needs a large amount, masters must give advance notice. Similar arrangements may be made for gas oil.

### Land Transport

The Aqaba Railway Corporation's rail link to the Main Pot is used for phosphate traffic. Most port traffic goes by road. Trucks are prohibited from passing through the town of Aqaba, unless making deliveries. Trucks leaving the port use the new bypass around Aqaba linking with the route to Ma'an and Amman.

### Customs and Quarantine

The Port of Aqaba's customs, quarantine and agriculture offices are located in the Main Port. Aqaba Customs Department controls customs activities at the Aqaba airport. Goods are inspected based on various documents including bills of lading, invoices, certificates of origin, delivery orders from agents, permission to import and agreement or approval.

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### Aqaba Special Economic Zone (ASEZA)

Is a major duty-free economic development node for professional services, multi-modal transportation and value-added industries in the Middle-East.

### International Conventions in Effect in Jordan

- IMO Convention 48, and amendments 91 and 93.
- SOLAS Convention 74 and Protocol 88.
- Load Lines Convention 65 and Protocol 88.
- Tonnage Convention 69.
- COLREQ Convention 72.
- CSC Convention 72.
- STCW Convention 78, 95.
- Facilitation Convention 65.
- London Convention 72.
- PAL Convention 74.
- Salvage Convention 89.
- UNCOLS 82.
- Hamburg Rules 78.
- UN Convention on Ship Registration.
- International Convention on Oil Spill Prevention 54.
- MOU on Port State Control.

### Port Layout

The Port of Aqaba is divided into three zones.

#### Main Port Zone

Located close to the town of Aqaba, the Main Port Zone comprises 10 berths with a total length of 2,050 meters. These berths are used for handling general cargo, grain, phosphate and lighter traffic. The six, deep -water general berths are 1,060 meters long and serve vessels of up to 70,000 DWT with a water draft of up to 13 meters.

Each berth has a 35-meter wide apron and most have transit sheds, semi-covered sheds and open storage areas. Berth No. 1 is used for handling grain and equipped with three grain discharging units capable of discharging up to 1000 tons per hour into the nearby grain silos.

There are three berths each with a length of 150 meters and a draft alongside of 6 meters. The lighters quay is 280 meters long. Tug Boats and lighters are also moored in the mid-basin at the Main Port. The port's repair and maintenance facilities including the 300 ton-slipway are located in this zone.

### Container Terminal and Ro-Ro Berth

The container terminal comprises three berths with a total length of 540 meters of quay with a depth alongside of 15 meters. Vessels up to 55,000 DWT can be accommodated. It is equipped with three 40-50 ton container gantry cranes and all other necessary handling stacking and transfer equipment like straddle carriers and forklifts.

The Ro-Ro berth has a length of 40 meters, a draft of 10 meters and is able to handle bow and stern-loading vessels of 35,000 DWT. There is a storage capacity for containers and Ro-Ro traffic of 311,000 sq. meters. This includes an area for refrigerated containers with (371) plugs. Vessels carrying Ro-Ro traffic can also be accommodated at other berths in the port.

### Industrial Port Zone and Oil Jetty

A twin berths can handle vessels of 70,000 DWT. The Oil Jetty has a draft of 24 meters and a monthly exporting capacity of 300,000 tons. The jetty can accommodate tankers of up to 406,000 DWT.

### Ports Storage Facilities

- Grain silos 150,000t - over 60% free capacity.
- Rice Silos 55,000 sq. M about 25% free capacity (Ministry of Trade & Industry).
- Covered storage 41,200 sq. M - about 50% free capacity.
- Transit shed 62,000 sq. M
- Open storage 245,000 sq. M
- Petrol Refinery 83,100 sq. M

### Port cargo Handling Equipment

- 3 (45 t) gantry cranes;
- 13 straddle carriers 30-35 t);
- 4 container handlers (25t);
- 2 super stackers (40-50 t);
- 25 container top-lifts (7-45 t);
- 61 mobile cranes (1-120t);
- 113 forklifts (1.5-25 t);
- 32 tug masters (60-70 t);
- 45 towing tractors (20-50t);
- 197 trailers.

### Discharge rate per day or per hatch/day.

- Bulk cargo - 6000 tons day
- Bagged cargo - 500 tons/day

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### Restrictions for bulk and bagged cereal cargoes

- Length - 225 m for bulk 200 m for bagged
- Beam - No restrictions
- Max draft at berth 13m for bulk and bagged. 10.8m at bulk wheat silo.

### Container Facilities

Handling rate - 10 units per hour USD 27.50 for 20/ USD 43.00 for 40  
Rail/truck connections - truck only.

### Stevedoring Costs

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### Port Costs

Cargo Type	Cost
Bulk cargo	3.350 JD/ton
Bagged Cargo	4.850 JD/ton
Container 20 ft.	73.280 JD/ton
Container 40 ft.	106.000 JD/ton

### Special Taxes, dues

No special taxes or dues. Port area is secure.