Iran Logistics Infrastructure

The following section contains information on the logistics infrastructure of Iran.

Overview of current situation with supply chain (May 2019)

The transportation logistics infrastructure in Iran is well developed and organized, covering the four main shipment options – air, sea, surface and rail.

Road Infrastructure

Iran has a long paved road system linking most of its towns and all of its cities. In 2011 the country had 173,000 km (107,000mi) of roads, of which 73% were paved. In 2008 there were nearly 100 passenger cars for every 1,000 inhabitants. According to global statistics of 2013, there are 164 private vehicles per 1000 population of county.

Railway

Trains operated on 11,106km (6,942mi) of railroad track. The country’s major port of entry is Bandar-Abbas on the Strait of Hormuz. After arriving in Iran, imported cargos are distributed throughout the country by trucks and freight trains. The Tehran-Bandar-Abbas railroad, opened in 1995, connects Bandar-Abbas to the railroad system of Central Asia via Tehran and Mashhad. Other major ports include Bandar e-Anzali and Bandar e-Torkeman on the Caspian Sea and Khorramshahr and Bandar-e Emam Khomeyni on the Persian Gulf.

Iran Aviation

Dozens of cities have airports that serve passenger and cargo planes. Iran Air, the national airline, was founded in 1962 and operates domestic and international flights. All large cities have mass transit systems using buses, and several private companies provide bus service between cities. Tehran, Mashhad, Shiraz, Tabriz, Ahwaz and Esfahan are in the process of constructing underground mass transit rail lines. Recently after lifting of the sanctions some international air lines such as British Airways and Air France decided to start their travel services to Tehran. Now there are direct flights from Paris to Tehran via Air France on even days. British Airways will starts its flights from September 2016.

Iran Ports

From June to August 2016 the total capacity of container loading and unloading in the country’s ports is currently at 8.7 million mt imported and 20 million mt exported commodities. Based on mentioned statistics, during 2016 there is there was a decrease of 6.7% in importing and 62% increase in exporting of commodities. Port capacity will be increased to 200 million tons in 2015.

All ports: Abadan, Ahvaz, Bandar Abbas, Bandar-e Anzali (Caspian sea), Bushehr, Bandar-e Imam Khomeyni, Bandar-e Lengeh, Bandar-e Mahshahr, Bandar-e Torkaman (Caspian sea), Chahabar (Bandar-e Beheshti), Khark island, Lavan island, Sirri island, Khorramshahr (limited operation since November 1992), Noshahr (Caspian sea), Arvand Kenar.

Main Ports: Assaluyeh, Bandar Abbas, Bandar-e Eman Khomeyni - Bandar Abbas is in southern Iran and handles 90% of the country's container throughput.
Major Export Terminals (loading capacity): Khark Island 5,000,000bbl/d (790,000m³/d), Lavan Island 200,000bbl/d (32,000m³/d), Neka 50,000bbl/d (7,900m³/d), Assaluyeh 250,000bbl/d (40,000m³/d) gas liquids, Kish Island, Abadan and Bandar Mahshahr.

Major Oil/Gas Ports: Khark Island, Lavan Island, Sirri Island, Ras Bahregan.