

Bogotá, Colombia — 20 August 2026

Earthquake affecting south-western Colombia — Updated situation report on the Port of Buenaventura and access routes

Further to our previous reports of 10 and 12 August 2026 regarding the magnitude 7.4 earthquake that struck south-western Colombia, with epicentre near San José del Palmar, Chocó, we write to provide a further updated situation report on the Port of Buenaventura and its access routes, based on official sources, terminal statements and our surveyor's on-site findings, as of 20 August 2026.

1. Land Access to the Port

- The Buga–Buenaventura–Loboguerrero corridor, which had been fully blocked by landslides in the days following the earthquake, has had controlled passage for all vehicle types, including cargo trucks.

2. Status of Port Operations

- The port has reported a progressive recovery since the earthquake and is currently operating across all cargo types, including containerised cargo, general cargo, RoRo and liquid bulk.
- Following the earthquake, the silos used for bulk storage at the port were taken out of service for structural inspection. During this period, solid-bulk cargo could only be discharged directly to truck, with no discharge to silo storage available. According to our people on the ground, the silos are being progressively brought back into service for storage as of today, 20 August 2026.
- Separately, the trucking sector serving the port draws primarily on operators based in Valle del Cauca — one of the departments most heavily affected by the earthquake — and this segment has not yet fully resumed operations, as many operators were themselves directly affected by the event.
- In summary, the port is operationally active, but discharge rates remain below normal levels due to the constraints currently affecting the landside logistics chain (trucking availability and the phased reinstatement of silo storage), rather than structural damage to the port's berths or quay infrastructure.

3. Recommendations for Members

- Members with vessels calling at Buenaventura should anticipate discharge rates below pre-earthquake levels while the trucking sector and silo storage capacity are progressively restored,
- Members and Masters should confirm current discharge methodologies, expected discharge rates, and local operational constraints directly with terminal operators and local agents prior to tendering Notice of Readiness or establishing laytime/time-counting expectations.
- Continue to build in contingency for delays linked to the Buga–Buenaventura corridor, which remains subject to controlled/restricted passage at certain points.
- Report to us directly any incident, damage, delay or claim arising in connection with this event so that we may assist promptly.

4. Next Steps

With port operations now normalized and landside logistics progressively recovering, this update concludes our series of general situation reports on this event, unless further extraordinary developments occur. Our team remains fully available to assist Clubs and Members with any queries or urgent matters. Should you require any clarification or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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