

### US Hurricane Florence

In the US, Hurricane Florence and its impact continue to be felt throughout the Carolinas, Virginia, and parts of Georgia.

As the storm moves inland, the National Weather Service is reporting significant storm surge, flooding, and heavy rain will continue into early next week. At this time, most of our Leschaco offices in the area remain open, and are taking the necessary precautions.

While the storm has directly impacted the Carolinas and Virginia, this supply chain disruption will be felt across North America. As always, our team is ready to work together with you to prioritize shipments and find alternative solutions throughout this crisis.

In terms of intermodal rail freight, operations have been fully restored in the following areas: Florida, Georgia, Charleston, SC, and Rocky Mount, NC. Operator "Norfolk Southern" has closed their Charlotte, NC operations until further notice due to the change in the storm's path.

The Port of Wilmington (NC) and the Port of Morehead City (NC) remain closed to vessel shipments until post storm evaluation is complete. Port of Charleston has re-opened with limited service.

### Typhoon Mangkhat – Hong Kong/ Pearl River Delta

Meanwhile, in Asia, Super Typhoon Mangkhat brought winds of around 250 km/h when it passed across parts of the northern Philippines on Saturday, causing widespread disruption and flooding expected to continue several days this week. As it continued on to Hong Kong and southern China, ports in the region including Hong Kong were reportedly closed.

Indeed, all of the major cities in southern China's Pearl River Delta region were in emergency mode as Typhoon Mangkhat approached, with the main roads and bridges connecting these cities shutting down at noon, according to the South China Morning Post (SCMP).

Flight operations at Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) were seriously affected by Mangkhat, but the airport had reopened and "would implement flight rescheduling to arrange flights according to actual situation", the airport said.

### IMO 2020 sulphur regulation

On January 1st, 2020, a new regulation of the IMO (International Maritime Organization) will be applicable. This regulation will limit sulphur content to 0,5% instead of currently 3,5%.

There are different means to comply with the new limit:

- Use of low Sulphur fuel, containing 0,5% sulphur or less
- Installation of so-called "Scrubbers" which will filter the sulphur
- Use of LNG engines (workable for new build vessels only)

All three solutions will cause remarkable higher costs for the carriers, which we expect to be passed through already by fourth quarter of 2019.

We will keep you informed about further developments regarding this topic.

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## Kind regards

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