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Coronavirus Information - 5

Dear Customer,

In addition to our customer advisories dated January 29, 31, February 03 and 10, 2020, you will find further information below:

- Where possible, our Leschaco offices in mainland China resumed operations on Monday, February 10th (Dalian, Beijing, Tianjin, Qingdao, Nanjing, Shanghai). In Shenzhen, our staff is working from home (the application to open the office was rejected). Ningbo is still locked, and a curfew is in force. The Hong Kong office operates under normal conditions.
- Overall conditions have improved moderate - with the exception of Ningbo and cross border transportation between provinces. However, although the extension of the official Chinese New Year holiday was due to expire in most places, many provinces and cities in China continued to extend the closure. Highway and transportation closures as well as mandatory 14-day quarantines for people returning home from severely affected areas mean that even in places that are no longer shut down, the return to normality in factories and ports can be slow.
- All ports and airports (except Wuhan) are in operation. Due to the continuing shortage of stevedores and terminal staff, the slowdown in loading and/or unloading in some ports has not yet subsided.
- The 14-day quarantine period on truck drivers is severely limiting the number of vehicles available to move containers. As a result, reefer containers get stuck in terminal facilities at major sea gates such as Shanghai, Ningbo and Xingang, resulting in a lack of space and connections for new refrigerated imports. Carriers have warned shippers with cargo already en-route to China to expect surcharges of \$1,000, in some cases. It is not possible at the moment to predict what concrete effects the blank sailings initiated by carriers could have on individual routes. This also depends to a large extent on how quickly production in China will pick up again.
- Airlines have reported that it is difficult for them to estimate how the situation will develop in concrete terms at the moment. They are trying to maintain their range of services as long as possible and, if necessary, to expand it.
- The disruption of incoming and outgoing air and sea freight, truck and rail freight traffic are likely to last as long as the coronavirus crisis continues to spread. We are constantly monitoring developments and preparing to handle our customers' shipments with the least possible impact in view of possible delays in access to ports/airports, lack of drivers, additional documentation requirements, customs clearance and similar problems.

We will monitor the situation closely and keep you informed.

If you have any questions regarding your Greater China shipments, please contact your known contact person within the Leschaco Group.

Kind regards

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