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## UPDATE: Coronavirus Outbreak

Dear Valued Customer,

We continue to monitor this situation globally as Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) cases increase outside of China. We are working closely with our customers on production planning and forecasting as the situation remains fluid.

Here are the most recent updates:

- The movement of goods is slowly coming back to full efficiency as restrictions in China are relaxed, but a shortage of truckers remains with a surge in demand.
- Capacity remains available for Asia exports. Backlogs are expected in the next few weeks as demand continues to rise.
- There have been several delays at various scrubber retrofit yards due to the impact from lack of labor. Carriers are heavily impacted as TEUs remain inactive at ports. Blank sailings from Asia continue, but are likely to decrease towards the end of March.
- Empty container supply has started to dwindle in regions where China trade has been a catalyst, primarily North America and Europe.
- The quarantine period for migrant workers returning to work was reduced to 7 days. China's manufacturing and factories are expected to be highly efficient by the end of March.
- Currently, there is no large impact to U.S. trucking freight, however we expect to see this ramp up as blank sailings start impacting the capacity coming into the U.S. from China.

Links to additional resources:

- [WHO updates](#)
- [CDC updates](#)
- [CBS News update](#)
- [BBC News update](#)
- [COVID-19:Implications for business](#) (McKinsey & Company)

We remain operational throughout the globe and will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as needed. For previous advisories, please visit our [Client Advisory page](#) on our website. Here is a direct link to the most recent update:

3/3/2020 – [Europe – Container Equipment Shortage](#)

Thank you for being our Valued Customer. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your C.H. Robinson commercial representative for further information.

Sincerely,  
C.H. Robinson

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