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## UPDATE: Coronavirus Outbreak in China

Dear Valued Customer,

We have been closely monitoring the coronavirus outbreak in China and the restricted travel to Hubei Province. Below are the municipalities that have extended Chinese New Year to the following dates –

### February 9:

- Beijing
- Shanghai
- Chongqing
- Tianjin
- Anhui Province
- Fujian Province
- Guangdong Province
- Guizhou Province
- Hebei Province
- Henan Province
- Heilongjiang Province
- Hunan Province
- Jiangsu Province
- Jiangxi Province
- Jilin Province
- Liaoning Province
- Shandong Province
- Shaanxi Province
- Shaanxi Province
- Shanxi Province
- Sichuan Province
- Yunnan Province
- Zhejiang Province (excluding Wenzhou)
- Shandong Province
- Shaanxi Province

### February 13:

- Hubei Province (includes Wuhan)

### February 17:

- Wenzhou (in Zhejiang Province)

According to the National Bureau of Statistics of China, in 2018 China had 288 million migrant workers which represents more than a third of the workforce. Migrant workers are currently hindered on returning to work due to the restrictions on travel, companies and factories may experience additional delays in production due to these labor shortages.

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## TRANSPORTATION UPDATE BY MODE

### OCEAN: *(new updates since February 4, 2020 advisory)*

- Ocean carriers have actively started voiding sailings to cope with the lack of export freight demand.
- Wuhan port remains closed. Shanghai and Ningbo ports have suspended Container Freight Station (CFS) operations until February 10, 2020. Only local trucks are allowed in Ningbo at this time.
- Ships and crew members departing from China on or after February 1, 2020 will not be permitted to come ashore in Australia until 14 days have elapsed since their departure date from China.
- Short haul shipments exporting to other countries from mainland China ports may be put into a 14 day quarantine period as well. This only affects short hauls since the majority of freight on Trans-pacific eastbound or European lanes are in transit more than 14 days.
  - For example, if a vessel that has been in China (excluding Hong Kong & Macau) that has **NO** crew member with flu like symptoms, the vessel will be allowed to operate normally at the port. The crew will only be allowed to come ashore but will be limited to the terminal to manage on a need-to basis.
  - Another example, if a vessel that has been in China (excluding Hong Kong & Macau) that **HAS** a crew member with flu like symptoms, the vessel will be allowed to operate normally at the port. However, the crew will not be granted to come off the vessel. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and designated authorities will formulate plans for crew members requiring medical attention.

### AIR: *(new updates since February 4 advisory)*

- Due to low demand the available capacity and operations are able to handle current freight.
- Exports to China remain strong due to high demand for medical and consumption items.

### CUSTOMS:

- U.S. Customs & Border Protection (CBP) is following the CDC's lead (<https://www.cdc.gov/>) on crew and passenger screening. There are no indications of additional screening for cargo other than obvious potential threat products such as biologicals, infected animals, etc., which ordinarily require special care and clearance.

### SURFACE TRANSPORTATION: *(new updates since February 4 advisory)*

- Continued restrictions are in place at the borders to mainland China.
- Operations are limited to relief and medical goods.
- Majority of freight trains from China are cancelled.

C.H. Robinson remains operational in Asia and is working closely with customers with impacted freight. We will continue to monitor this situation closely and advise of any further updates as needed.

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

Sincerely,  
C.H. Robinson

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