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Sri Lanka COVID-19 Update

Dear Valued Customer,

Be advised there have been instances of manpower shortages at the Sri Lanka Port due to COVID-19 infections and contingency plans have now been enacted. Due to worker shortages, ships could be forced to omit Colombo calls due to extended waiting time.

Containers from other origins moving via Colombo for their mother ship connections seems to be the primary issue. Due to this, containers have piled up due to missing the mother ship or other congestion-related issues.

We recommend checking with the origin carrier agents for their advice on alternative ports to Colombo until the situation improves.

The COVID-19 infections have been on the rise within the city of Colombo and suburban area. If the Port cannot operate at full capacity, certain ships will likely skip the port and cause further congestion. Sri Lanka branch exports are on mother ships and have not faced any issues other than export containers have been shipped on schedule and subject to berthing delays only. Colombo exports could be affected if the mother ships decide to skip scheduled calls at Colombo.

We are carefully observing the developments and will update if the situation deteriorates further.

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,
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