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UK Port Delays

Dear Valued Customer,

There is currently severe congestion affecting all UK main ports. Felixstowe has shut a number of times and is reported to be dealing with a large shipment of 11,000 teus of PPE. This has affected empty container returns and the acceptance of import cargo.

Shipping lines have diverted sailings from Felixstowe and London Gateway to other ports due to congestion. Any vessel diversions will result in higher haulage costs and possible demurrage fees. The situation is unprecedented and exasperated by increasing CV-19 cases and Brexit. With the influx of cargo, as warehouses stock up pre-Brexit and the consequences of a quick rebound from the first lockdown the pressures the industry is facing are severe. Hauliers are struggling servicing customers as vessel diversion puts additional pressures on already strained resources. There is also very little space left for UK bound cargo from Asia. Everyone at C.H. Robinson is working hard to assist our customers but delays now and early 2021 are to be expected.

We will endeavor to provide alternatives solutions and appreciate your patience and understanding during these challenging times.

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 Global Ocean Services

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