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## India COVID-19 Update

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Dear Valued Customer,

COVID-19 cases continue to increase in India. Many states in India have imposed lockdowns. At this time, the majority of our employees are working from home in order to keep themselves and their families safe, but our team remains fully operational. We are closely monitoring the situation and will continue to work with our customers on production planning and forecasting as the situation remains fluid.

### Air

- Due to the recent Covid-19 surge in India, some countries are withdrawing their passenger capacity, including UK and Australia. However, as of the date of this Advisory China and India have not put any substantive restrictions on air travel between the two countries.
- Any reduced passenger flights may impact capacity, but freighters and P2C Freighters continue to operate.
- Air carriers will be focusing on medical supplies in the coming days. Air India from EUR will be prioritising medical products and equipment over the next few days.
- In short, run capacity will reduce and process will likely see an upward trend.
- The disruption is expected to last approximately 4-5 weeks.

### Ocean

- The current crisis will likely not directly impact the ocean business in a significant manner as ports and carriers are operating as usual.
- There may be some impact on the manufacturing sector due to lockdowns but that is not expected to have a large impact on the current ocean freight demand.
- Market volatility is expected to continue for the month of May at least as evidenced by upward rate revision by the carrier every fortnight.
- For U.S. West Coast, capacity from India is currently severely strained as most of these services transship via the Far East where majority of carriers are facing large rollovers due to delayed and/or void sailings.
- India is facing a major equipment shortage in the Southern part of the country and at Inland Container Depot locations.

### Transportation

- International freight movement within the country are categorized as essential. Hence, transport operations in terminals, warehousing, depots, and other facilities related to shipping will continue to operate following health & safety guidelines.
- Cargo moving inland for both export & import movements continue with some delays.

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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