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1. Hong Kong Protests

As you are no doubt aware, the pro-democracy protests in Hong Kong are growing increasingly disruptive. Protestors have essentially shut down the city, and yesterday succeeded in closing the airport with over 70 flights being cancelled. While authorities have stressed that the situation is improving, the reality is that we do expect the cargo situation will be severely backlogged for weeks.

We are discussing all options with our partners to re-route cargo already in hand, as well as possibly routing future shipments through Mainland China.

If you have any upcoming shipment originating from Hong Kong please let us know as soon as possible so that our team can work to minimise any possible delays.

2. Continuing Port Delays

As mentioned in the Newsflash sent on the 8th of August, the delays are forcing the shipping lines to omit some planned stops and this is having a serious knock on effect for all stakeholders, from the transport companies to the end users.

In June, the South African Association of Ship Operators and Agents (SAASOA) wrote a letter to the Departments of Transport and Public Enterprise urgently requesting the intervention of Ministers Fikile Mbalula and Pravin Gordhan, however, the situation has not improved.

(We again attach a copy for your records. Source: saaff.org.za)

We are continuing to monitor the situation closely and will keep you updated on any of your shipments that may be affected. We do ensure that our chosen truckers are notified of all arriving cargo well in advance so that they can join the queues as soon as possible in order to mitigate the delays.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact us at any time.

We thank you for your continued support and partnership

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