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Dear Valued Customer,

Yemen – Port of Hodeidah closure

Officials at the Yemen Red Sea port of Hodeidah are still assessing the impact of the bomb explosion that caused a complete shut down on August, 18, 2015.

There have been no reports to any damaged cargo, however, as a precautionary measure, DB Schenker will not be accepting any bookings to Hodeidah until further notice.

Our colleagues will continue to monitor the situation and advise of any further developments.

Source: Schenker AG, Essen, 19th August 2015

Explosion in industrial area in Tianjin impacts port operations

Due to two massive explosions in a warehouse storing dangerous and chemical goods in the port area of the north-eastern Chinese city Tianjin last night, Tianjin port's operations are heavily affected.

Updates as of 11am local time:

- Tianjin port, No.7 gate has been closed, currently no entry possible
- The terminal stopped operations, no containers can currently be delivered
- Customs operations are currently on hold as the system was damaged by the explosion
- At this point in time no detailed cargo information is available from the terminals

The DB Schenker team in Tianjin is currently checking the cargo status and impact on the operations at Tianjin port.

For specific questions and requests, please send an email to enquiry.cn@dbschenker.com

Source: Schenker China Ltd, 13th August 2015

EU lifts ban on South African fresh ostrich meat exports

The European Union (EU) has lifted a four-year ban on South African fresh ostrich meat into the European Union.

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Exports to the EU will resume in late August and would continue in parallel with the export of processed ostrich meat.

Source: Engineering News, 11th August 2015

APAC – Typhoon Soudelor

As typhoon Soudelor is steadily crossing the northern region of APAC, please be advised of the following impacts to the operations (as of August 7, 2015):

Taiwan

- Local government has suspended all night-shift operations today. Delays are expected for late pick-up orders.
- Most affected areas are the east-coast cities where DB Schenker does not have offices or operations.

Hong Kong

- Haicang port stopped receiving empty containers at 12:00h and container with cargo at 17:00h.

Source: DB Schenker Germany, 7th August 2015

Manganese line shuts down for maintenance

Transnet Freight Rail will shut down its manganese line for large-scale maintenance on August, 11, 2015. The line is expected to reopen on August, 20, 2015.

Source: FTW Online, 7th August 2015

United Kingdom delays due to ongoing problems in the Eurotunnel

Freight is currently being shifted to the ferry lines, as delays are occurring at the Eurotunnel due to extra security checks.

Freight delays can be expected due to ferry capacity shortages. For further updates please see below:

<http://www.eurotunnelfreight.com/uk/home>

Source: DB Schenker Germany, 7th August 2015

Greek Air Traffic controllers strike

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Several Greek domestic and international flights were cancelled on Wednesday as air traffic controllers went on strike at the height of the tourist season, asking for European-based reforms to be brought in to civil aviation services.

At Athens airport, about 22 flights were called off and 173 rescheduled due to the four-hour stoppage.

Source: Airwise News, 5th August 2015

Virgin Atlantic Cargo bans shipments of hunting trophies

Virgin Atlantic Cargo has welcomed the latest moves by other airlines to ban the carriage of hunting trophies and says it is now time for the airline cargo industry to adopt a strict ethical cargo policy to clearly identify shipments not acceptable for carriage.

The airline believes the announcement in June by the Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) and IATA to reduce illegal trade in wildlife and products that come from animals can now become the catalyst for this much-needed change. CITES and IATA have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to create a formal framework for their ongoing cooperation on the implementation of standards and best practices such as the IATA Live Animals Regulations, the IATA Perishable Cargo Regulations, and the CITES Guidelines for the Non-Air Transport of Live Wild Animals and Plants. They will also support joint training and communications activities to reduce illegal trade and ensure the safe transport of legally traded wildlife.

Source: Logistics Update Africa, 5th August 2015

Indian port demands mandatory yellow fever precautions

Mumbai port health authority has announced that ships that have called at ports in countries where Yellow Fever is endemic will be labelled “suspect” - and subject to Indian port health rules.

The countries considered Yellow Fever endemic in Africa are: Angola, Benin, Burkino Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Ivory Coast, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sudan, South Sudan, Togo and Uganda.

And in South America: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, French Guiana, Gyana, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Surinam, Trinidad & Tobago and Venezuela.

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Source: FTW Online, 4th August 2015

Australia – airport strikes

The strike will take place on Tuesday, August 4, for four hours. Exact times have not yet been given, but it is likely to take place at the busiest time of the day. The industrial action will affect all airports and sea ports across Australia.

Source: Travel & Meeting Buyers News, 1st August 2015