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## News Alert: L.A./Long Beach Port Congestion

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To our valued customers,

The Port of Los Angeles is the busiest container port in the United States and, together with the Port of Long Beach, makes Southern California the largest gateway for U.S. imports. With peak season in full force, these ports are experiencing severe congestion and major delays. There is a shortage of equipment which is creating a snowball effect negatively impacting not only port operations, but also the U.S. rail and intermodal trucking networks nationwide.

Thousands of containers are being held at the terminals and piers for up to three weeks due to the peak season and unplanned stacking. Further congestion and delays are to be expected as containers are backed up at the rail pending port access for export. These issues are amplified through the prioritization of ultra large container ships over smaller container ships carrying less than 10,000 TEU's. As a result, excessive wait times for the already limited number of drivers available, some drayage companies are only able to get one turn per day resulting in additional delays.

We will stay in close contact with our drayage providers and ocean carriers in order to reduce the impact on our customers' cargo delays.

Best Regards,



Steen Christensen, CEO North America

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