



Date January 5th, 2024

Subject **Customer Advisory Ocean Freight
Germany – Inland Transport Situation**

Dear valued Customer,

We would like to draw your attention to the inland transport situation in Germany as, due to major protests, disruptions have to be expected in the upcoming weeks.

- Farmers announced nationwide protests from January 8th to January 15th, 2024. It is expected that these actions will lead to significant traffic disruptions, especially affecting truck traffic.
- Germany's train drivers' union (GDL) announced that they are planning a series of 3-5 days strikes, starting as from January 8, 2024. Even though an exact schedule has not been announced so far, strikes could start on short notice and severe impacts have to be expected throughout the entire network.

At the same time, the Germany and its neighboring countries are suffering from widespread floods, caused by heavy rainfalls which already started before Christmas. The floods prompted evacuations, caused washouts of dikes and rail tracks and led to road closures and traffic delays. Even though water levels currently recede the situation remains critical.

The combination of the events is leading to a challenging situation which could impact all transports within and in transit through the country. We have to inform in advance that we cannot take any liability for delays, disruptions and additional costs incurring in connection with these circumstances.

We kindly ask for your understanding and we are committed to serve you at the best of our ability and to keep you well-informed regarding the development.

Thank you and kind regards
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