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Port Congestion in China – Update

We advised in our April 28 newsletter that ports in China were facing severe congestion due to the restructuring of the ocean alliance networks and poor weather conditions. It appears now that the berthing delays have been steadily improving in Shanghai, the world's busiest container port. The terminals in Qingdao and Ningbo are also experiencing less delays. It is expected that the congestion in Shanghai will be cleared by the end of May.

U.S. West Coast Delays

We understand many exporters are seeing an increase in shipment rolls and revisions. Due to the change in alliances and vessel sharing agreements, many parts of the transportation chain are seeing interruptions. Vessels have changed their rotations and may be calling different terminals as a result. Many port terminals are experiencing additional work as they reposition containers from previous facilities to the new terminals. There is terminal congestion, longer truck times, delays with rail yards, and chassis dislocations. These transitional issues are causing cargo bookings to miss vessels or become delayed. The delays are especially prevalent at the U.S. West Coast ports.

Unfortunately this situation creates additional work for all parties involved. UFO will continue to monitor all shipments and revise your bookings as needed during this unfolding situation.

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