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## **Hurricane Florence**

The threat of Hurricane Florence is already closing East Coast ports and shipping lanes. However, because the path of the storm is unpredictable, we are seeing frequent changes to the status of port operations.

UFO staff has notified clients of existing shipments that are being affected by the storm due to port closures, rail embargos, etc. New shipments are being booked with the best available information at the time. Alternative routings are available for most shipments; urgent shipments can likely be booked on safe service (ie. through Canada) for additional cost.

Next week, port congestion, terminal delays and trucker shortages are likely to affect additional shipments on the East Coast. UFO staff will continue to monitor and provide information for all affected shipments.

## **Puerto Limon, Costa Rica – Potential Disruption**

The labor union strikes in Costa Rica have disrupted port operations at Puerto Limon. President Alvarado has directed Costa Rica's Public Security to take over port operations immediately to ensure continuity of essential services. Workers are being brought in from other countries to fill the positions at Puerto Limon.

While Costa Rica is taking steps to avoid disruption at the port, service disruptions are happening. Timely communication with your customers in Costa Rica will help avoid or lessen the opportunities for storage and demurrage charges to accrue. UFO staff will continue to monitor shipments and advise of delays or changes to your shipments.

Please contact Marc Mugfor ([mmugfor@ufold.com](mailto:mmugfor@ufold.com)) with any questions or concerns.

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