

Customer Advisory:
Novel Coronavirus – Update #18

June 29, 2020

#### **Dear Valued Customer**,

The wheels keep turning while we continue to get accustomed to COVID-19 impacting our societies and conventional way of living and working. Summing up the general situation, reopening of societies in Europe continues, in South-East Asia most countries continue with a high level of restrictions and lastly US, South America and Africa remain heavily impacted.

Some significant changes are apparent on the transportation side with rail freight experiencing significant delays at the China and Kazakhstan border impacting both West and Eastbound volumes marking the first blip on the radar for rail freight which during COVID-19 has been the consistent choice.

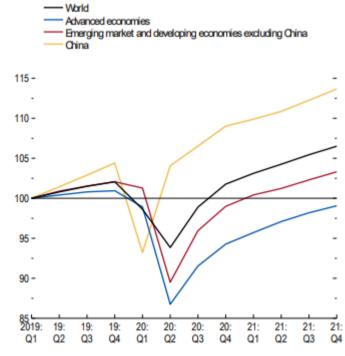
Significant changes within airfreight is also apparent, impacting both rate development and capacity, while ocean freight to a large degree remains status quo.

#### Forecast for global economy from International Monetary Fund

Despite the pandemic being far from over the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has changed the growth forecast for 2020, and are now predicting a sluggish turnaround in 2021 with earlier assumptions being that a faster rebound was expected. The forecast naturally has a high degree of uncertainty with a high dependency on factors related to length of current pandemic, a potential second wave in Q4 2020 and not least to which degree governments around the world are able to stimulate the economies.

In the latest June report IMF project a -4,9 % global growth in 2020, which is 1,9 % below April forecast hence overall a more pessimistic outlook primarily rooted in lower expectation on consumer spending.

As illustrated in this graph it is though clear that Q2 2020 overall marks the bottom of the crisis with recovery kicking in as from Q3 and onwards.





For 2021 growth is projected to strengthen to 5,4 %, which is 0,4 % lower than the April forecast, however still at a level where the lost growth in 2020 is recovered fully in 2021. Read the full report here.

### Airfreight continues to return to a "new normal"

The Europe airfreight markets are seeing continued improvements, with airlines across starting to operate more and more passenger flights. Notably, Scandinavian Airlines are now operating flights to US again as one example.

Despite the slow, but steady increase in capacity we are still far from previous year's level with the overall number being down around 65 % globally compared to 2019.

On the power trade from Asia to Europe rate level continue to decline as a result of the increase in capacity as well as the massive surge of PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) volume is slowing down. This decline is also driven by the fact that more and more PPE volume is moved by rail and ocean freight.

This trend has also seen some airlines pull back on utilizing passenger planes as full freighters due to cost recovery not being possible with current price levels.

Rate levels though remain significantly higher than in 2019 as we speak, however the overall conclusion being that we are steadily returning to a "new normal" market environment from a capacity perspective and rate levels expected to follow this trend over next months.

Local wave 2 outbreaks of COVID-19 as seen amongst other in China can impact pricing and capacity situation for shorter periods in specific locations, however this not expected to fundamentally the current trends.

### Ocean freight remains stable amidst blankings

An intensified capacity reduction basis blank sailings continues with a very tight space and equipment availability from Europe to Asia albeit still not to the extent which was seen in April and May. We overall expect the Eastbound trade from Europe to Asia to normalize during Q3.

On the Westbound trade from Asia to Europe capacity situation remains stable, however as we enter the normal summer peak season some pressure is to be expected. Rate levels are stable and zooming in on year trend basis World Container Index 2020 rate levels are approx. 16 % higher than in 2019 as a result of the strict pricing and space discipline enforced by carriers.

On the Transpacific trade between Asia-US there is an upwards trend on the rate side due to limited capacity, triggering a number of carriers to introduce Peak Season Surcharge (PSS) as well.



### Rail freight hit by delays

Rail traffic on the New Silk Road is facing heavy congestion at the Alashankou-Khorgos border with this being the main border crossing between China and Kazakhstan. Trains from China to Central Asia have been halted until the end of June, while Europe-bound trains should expect significant delays. A high number of trains and limited capacity at the terminal have been cited as the reason of the congestion.

Last Monday, all rail freight traffic to Central Asia was stopped until the end of the month in an attempt to free up capacity at the congested border point. Departure dates for July will be announced soon by the General Administration of Railways in China.

Rail freight traffic to Europe will be permitted to pass, however, with restrictions in place. For example, China-Europe trains via Chongqing was suspended from 24th to 26th June according to China Railways. Overall delays are to be expected as a result of the massive congestion.

Adding to this the China-Mongolia border crossing at Erenhot is now also facing congestion due to flooding of the rail tracks at eight different points on a 53 km long stretch between Choir and Ulaanbaatar.

With this in mind, we have implemented daily check-up on shipments moving via rail freight and relevant information will be shared once available.

### Road freight business as usual

In general, the situation for road freight in Europe is back to normal, with a few exceptions where ferries might be delayed due to reduced schedules, or only are starting service again from July. Otherwise we are operating as normal albeit volumes still on a lower level than pre COVID-19.

All information in this advisory is offered to the best of our knowledge and is prone to change. If you have any specific questions, please reach out to us.

Yours sincerely,

**Scan Global Logistics** 



## **General overview Asia, Pacific and Sub-continent**

	CURRENT STATUS AT SGL OFFICES AND SUPPLY CHAIN ACTIVITIES IN RESPECTIVE CITIES/COUNTRIES	Dalian	Tianjin	Beijing	Qingdao	Wuxi	Shanghai	Ningbo	Xiamen	Guangzhou	Shenzhen	Hong Kong	Taiwai
Customer disruptions to activities e.g. manufacturing	Green - minimal impact Yellow - manageable												
and supply chain operations	Red - severely impacted												
Customs authorities	Green - 100% work as normal												
customs additionales	Yellow - process delay occasionally												
	Red - serious delays												
Trucking, operations, drivers	Green - normal												
and equipment	Yellow - restricted due to roadblocks, permits												
and equipment	and shortage of drivers etc.												
	Red - service severely impacted												
Air Ocean and Rail carrier	Green - business as usual												
offices, open for business,	Yellow - certain limitations												
response time etc.	Red - major challenges												
Airfreight capacities on major	Green - plus 70% supply												
tradelanes	Yellow - around 50% supply												
	Red - less than 30% supply												
Airfreight terminals	Green - running as normal schedule												
3	Yellow - process delays occasionally												
	Red - serious delays												
Oceanfreight capacities on	Green - no space issue & blank sailings												
major tradelanes	Yellow - space issue & blank sailings												
•	occasionally												
	Red - serious space issues and blank sailings												
Oceanfreight feeder capacities	Green - operating as normal												
and operations	Yellow - medium disruptions			n/a		n/a							
•	Red - serious disruptions												
Oceanfreight terminals	Green - running as normal schedule												
3	Yellow - process delays occasionally			n/a		n/a							
	Red - serious delays												
Oceanfreight equipment	Green - no problem												
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	Red - major problem												
CFS and warehouse	Green - normal operations												
	Yellow - addtional time required for cargo												
	gate in and gate out due resources			n/a									
	Red - service not available												
Rail service	Green - schedules as normal												
	Yellow - partial schedules cancelled											n/a	n/a
	Red - service not available										_		



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<b>Customer</b> disruptions to activities e.g. manufacturing and supply chain operations	Green - minimal impact Yellow - manageable Red - severely impacted	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Customs authorities	Green - 100% work as normal Yellow - process delay occasionally Red - serious delays	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
<b>Trucking</b> , operations, drivers and equipment	Green - normal Yellow - restricted due to roadblocks, permits and shortage of drivers etc. Red - service severely impacted	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Air-, Ocean and Rail carrier offices, open for business, response time etc.	Green - business as usual Yellow - certain limitations Red - major challenges	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Airfreight capacities on major tradelanes	Green - plus 70% supply Yellow - around 50% supply Red - less than 30% supply	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Airfreight terminals	Green - running as normal schedule Yellow - process delays occasionally Red - serious delays	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Oceanfreight capacities on major tradelanes	Green - no space issue & blank sailings Yellow - space issue & blank sailings occasionally Red - serious space issues and blank sailings	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Oceanfreight feeder capacities and operations	Green - operating as normal Yellow - medium disruptions Red - serious disruptions	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
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Oceanfreight equipment availabilities	Green - no problem Yellow - medium problem Red - major problem	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
CFS and warehouse	Green - normal operations Yellow - addtional time required for cargo gate in and gate out due resources Red - service not available	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Rail service	Green - schedules as normal Yellow - partial schedules cancelled Red - service not available	•	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a



# **General update US**

	Condition as of today	Los Angeles	Seattle	Oakland	Chicago	Cleveland	Atlanta	New York	Charleston	Houston
	Green - work as normal		_	_					_	
Customs	Yellow - process delay occasionally									
	Red - serious delay									
	Green - running as normal schedule					_				
Ocean Freight Terminals	Yellow - terminal congestion									
	Red - high to full yard density for empties & terminal congestion									
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	Yellow - space issue, equipment imbalance & blank sailings occasionally									
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Outbound	Red - space issue, equipment imbalance & blank sailings seriously									
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	Yellow - congestion and dealys									
	Red - service not available									
Trucking/Rail – pickup and	Green - work as normal					_				
	Yellow - delays									
delivery for ocean cargo	Red - service not available									
	Green - 70% ~ 100% of normal capacity									
Airlines - Capacity, Inbound	Yellow - 30% ~ 69% of normal capacity									
	Red - less than 30% of normal capacity								Charleston	
	Green - 70% ~ 100% Supply									
Airlines - Capacity, Outbound	<b>Yellow</b> - 30% ~ 69% Supply									
	Red - less than 30% supply									
	Green - running as normal schedule									
Airline Terminal	Yellow - process delay occasionally									
	Red - process delay seriously									
	Green - operation hours as normal									
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Airtreight warehouses	scale of operation not being in place									
	Red - service not available									
Truck nickup and dali	Green - work as normal									
	Yellow - delays									
for Airfreight cargo	Red - service not available									
	Green - schedule as normal									
Rail Service	Yellow - partial schedule cancelled									
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# **General overview Airfreight Europe**

	Condition as of today	DK	SE	NO	FI	DE	NL	BE	ES	FR	IT	PL	CZ	
	Green - 100% resumption of work													
Factories	<b>Yellow</b> - 30% ~ 80% resumption of work													
	<b>Red</b> - Less than 30% resumption of work													
	Green - 100% work as normal													
Customs	Yellow - process delay occasionally													
	<b>Red</b> - serious delay													
Airlines -	Green - 70% ~ 100% of normal capacity													
Capacity Eastbound	Yellow - 30% ~ 69% of normal capacity													
	Red - less than 30% of normal capacity													
Airlines -	<b>Green</b> - 70% ~ 100% Supply													
Capacity Westbound	<b>Yellow</b> - 30% ~ 69% Supply													
	Red - less than 30% supply													
Air Freight	Green - running as normal schedule													
Terminal	Yellow - process delay occasionally													
Terrimai	<b>Red</b> - process delay seriously													
	<b>Green</b> - operation hours as normal													
airfreight	<b>Yellow</b> - additional time required for cargo													
Warehouses	gate in and gate out due to full scale of operation not being in place													
	<b>Red</b> - service not available													
	Green - Normal													
Trucking	Yellow - apply permit & road block inspection													
	Red - service not available													



# **General overview Ocean freight Europe**

	Condition as of today	DENMARK	FINLAND	NORWAY	SWEDEN	BELGIUM	GERMANY	THE NETHERLANDS	SPAIN
Customs	Green - work as normal Yellow - process delay occasionally Red - serious delay		•		•				•
Ocean Freight Terminals	Green - running as normal schedule  Yellow - terminal congestion  Red - high to full yard density for empties & terminal congestion					•	0		
Ocean Carrier situation, Inbound	Green - no space issue & blank sailings Yellow - space issue, equipment imbalance & blank sailings occasionally Red - severe space issue, equipment imbalance & blank sailings seriously	0	0	•	•	•	•	0	
Ocean Carrier situation, Outbound	Green - work as normal Yellow - space issue, equipment imbalance & blank sailings occasionally Red - severe space issue, equipment imbalance & blank sailings seriously	•						•	
CFS and Warehouse	Green - operation hours as normal Yellow - CFS/Warehouse delays Red - service not available	•					0		
Trucking/Rail – pickup and delivery for ocean cargo	Green - Normal Yellow - delays Red - service not available	•		•	•				



# **General overview Road Europe**

	Condition as of today	AUSTRIA	BELGIUM	CROATIA	DENMARK	FINLAND	FRANCE	ITALY	GERMANY	NORWAY	THE NETHERLANDS	SWEDEN	SPAIN	TURKEY
	Green - business as usual													
General status	Yellow - running with minor delays/disruptions													
	Red - major challenges													
	Green - all borders are open for goods													
Borders	delays												SPAIN	
	Red - Borders closed and delivery not possible													
	Green - business as usual													
Ferry situation	Yellow - several cancellations													
	Red - major cancellations												SPAIN	
	Green - 70-100 % normal capacity													
Capacity	Yellow - 30-69 % capacity													
	Red - Less than 30 % capacity													
	Green - business as usual												SPAIN	
Lead times	Yellow - Minor delays can occur													
	Red - severe delays													
	Green - Normal				_	_								
Cost-effects	Yellow - Risk of increased cost on ad hoc basis													
	Red - Ad hoc pricing													
	Green - Normal for cargo transport and driver													
Covernment	Yellow - Minor restrictions and disruptions for													
Government	drivers													
regulation	<b>Red</b> - Full block of one or more geographic areas – no delivery possible													