
GENERAL

FREIGHTS

- On **sea freight**, congestion, labor shortages, lack of empty containers, rollovers & rocket-high spot rates have become part of our day-to-day. Our strategy remains to **persevere** on bookings and **anticipate** shipments as much as possible.
- On **inland freight**, truck availability is becoming limited again in Europe. This is caused by a mixture of factors, including an overall increase of coronavirus infections and uncertainty of new measures upon vaccination across the borders, plus summer holidays and increased demand due to sea freight problematics (increase of cross-border traffic).

LATIN AMERICA

BRAZIL

- A recent truckers **strike** in isolated points of Santos port region has blocked main roads and loading terminal entries. Truckers are striking for lower toll taxes and diesel oil costs reductions.
- Port activity in Santos/SP and Rio de Janeiro continues uninterrupted. However, shippers are facing some issues related to **container shortage and cargo rollovers** caused by to global demand disruptions.
- Due to **delay on vessels operation**, the port of Vitoria/ES is currently one of the most difficult ports to work with in terms of container release, container handling at terminal and vessel re-scheduling. Obtaining bookings is very difficult, with some shipping lines refusing to take any at all, and others accepting only a small portion and failing to release 20-feet containers in time.
- **Bookings to Americas** are particularly unlikely to be confirmed, and spot ocean freight rates are at highest level ever seen before.

COLOMBIA

- **Strike** in Colombia is on pause but there is still concern that there will be a recurrence as the protestors haven't reached an agreement with the government. In the meantime, Buenaventura is operating again at full capacity.
- In terms of **space allocation**, shipping lines are not offering more spaces for FH August from Buenaventura. On the other hand, Cartagena and Santa Marta are working normally; space availability is open.

OTHER

- We have faced several booking rejections from Peru, but we persist in trials.

EAST AFRICA

UGANDA, RWANDA & KENYA

- Uganda is a daily challenge: **inland transit time** has increased due to Covid lockdown (slower documentation) and lack of performance on vessel schedules in Mombasa.
- In Rwanda, **containers are scarce** in Kigali for all shipping lines, but an early projection helps.
- In Kenya, the situation remains **normal** for both collecting empties and placing bookings.

TANZANIA

- Some **shortage of empty containers** is being faced, and there is **no space available** with some carriers, while others are underperforming in terms of vessel schedule & availability.
- **Port situation:** Dar es Salaam operation remains **normal**. Vessels take 8-11 days from ETA to berthing

ETHIOPIA

- We are facing an **extremely difficult situation** in terms of container availability and vessel space in Ethiopia, which will result in shipment delays.

BURUNDI

- The new season has started. **Shipments may start** within August.

ASIA

- **Space allocation** remains a challenge across the region, especially for shipments to the Mediterranean and North America, which are extremely likely **to be rejected or** experience **significant delays**.

CHINA

- Southern China is still dealing with **port congestions & reduced labor** (impact on ports of **Yantian & Shekou**).
- Though there are signals of improvement, this situation could have a bigger impact than the **Suez Canal incident**.

INDONESIA

- The low volume of imports has resulted in **container shortage** for exports.
- Limited availability of feeders has slowed down the overall port operation.

VIETNAM

- Cat Lai, biggest port in Vietnam has shortened **exports free time**, and is not allowing **early drop off**, while vessels continue to delay and roll bookings. This makes the shipment planning much more challenging.

SUCAFINA COVID-19 UPDATES

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SUCAFINA LOGISTICS VOICES

Hear from our Global Logistics team! In our “Logistics Voices” our team members reflect on the major challenges and opportunities we see in our day-to-day.

Today, Mr. Alan Melo from our Brazil team speaks about his experience during the pandemic:



“The world has changed drastically since the advent of the pandemic. Brazil, as the biggest coffee producer in the world, is going through one of the most difficult times due to global disruptions that keep affecting vessel spaces and container availabilities. Sudden weekly roll overs and allocation issues created by increased global demand are surely teaching us to be more proactive, resilient and persistent in order to accomplish company’s goals as well as our personal ones.”