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CHICAGO RAIL TERMINAL CONGESTION

Several rail terminals in the Chicago area have issued weather restriction advisories this week. While the congestion has been ongoing since December, the recent round of severe weather has created another critical situation. Terminals are restricting the number of containers – both loaded and empty – being accepted each day.

Because the number of containers being accepted is so low, many containers are being placed into storage. This means that container demurrage and storage charges are being incurred for shippers. Shipments are also being rolled to later vessels due to the delays in Chicago.

We ask for your patience as our staff continues to monitor your cargo, and as updates become available we will provide booking revisions to you. UFO will also advise as storage and demurrage charges are assessed against your shipments. Good news! Spring is only 23 days away!

As always, Marc Mugfor (mmugfor@ufoltd.com) is available to respond to any questions or concerns on the above information.

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