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# Newsletter

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## **SEVERE WEATHER IMPACTS**

UFO has been notified by several steamship carriers and truck lines that operations continue to be severely impacted due to extreme weather conditions throughout the country. Terminal operations at East Coast and Gulf Coast ports have been affected resulting in closures and delays. Rail movement to West Coast ports has been experiencing delays due to the severe weather in the Midwest and East Coast. Truck companies in the Midwest have experienced closures due to dangerous road conditions. Several companies have a shortage of drivers and cannot accept new dispatches until early next week. UFO will keep you posted of any changed departure dates on your shipments due to the extreme weather conditions.

## **CHILEAN PORT STRIKE**

UFO was advised early this morning that the port strike in Chile has ended and that operations resumed on January 26th. However, breaking news now indicates that the stevedores of San Antonio port have decided to stop the normal operations again today. UFO will continue to update you on this ongoing situation.

#### **CHINESE NEW YEAR**

The New Year begins on January 30th in China, Taiwan and Hong Kong, and the holiday will continue through Feb. 6. Several companies in these countries close for the holidays. We suggest that you contact your overseas clients regarding their holiday schedule for delivery of goods in order to avoid possible storage & demurrage charges. We will also work closely with our overseas agents to provide timeliness of information on your shipments

If you have any questions regarding the above information, please contact Marc Mugfor at mmugfor@ufoltd.com.

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