



# UNIVERSAL FORWARDING OVERSEAS NEWSLETTER

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## STATE-MANDATED SHUTDOWN/SHELTER IN PLACE LAW EFFECTS ON TRANSPORTATION

Transportation via air, sea and rail as well as CFS and trucking are all considered “Life Sustaining” Please be advised in the states instituting the Shelter in Place Law, these modes of transportation are still operating as they are considered “Life Sustaining” businesses.

## AIR FREIGHT

Many airlines are suspending flights on passenger aircrafts from the USA to worldwide destinations due to the Coronavirus outbreak resulting in delays up to 3 weeks. This will mean export shipments will need to be booked on freighter services only, and the airlines will no longer be offering their lower promotional rates due to reduced capacity. Therefore, some of our quotes will change as we quoted the lower rates prior to the cancellation/changes of aircraft capacity. We suggest that you request updated quotes as soon as possible. In addition, delays due to the service changes may result in additional costs by the airlines as well as potential storage charges at destination.

## OCEAN FREIGHT

The global spread of the Coronavirus has affected many aspects of our export ocean shipments. Many foreign ports are not operating at full capacity resulting in additional fees if terminals are experiencing delays due to reduced workforce, etc. It may be possible that detention and/or demurrage fees will be assessed by the steamship lines. We will alert our clients as soon as we are notified of any additional fees. In addition, we are continuing to see lack of equipment due to the decreased imports from the virus’ impact on Asia and Europe.

## OVERSEAS DOOR DELIVERY SHIPMENTS & RATES

With the ever-changing situation that varies per country, we may not be able to guarantee that overseas trucking to your customer’s door will be possible. We would suggest that you consider C Incoterms shipping to the destination port or airport temporarily and have your customer arrange inland delivery. Please note: due to the worldwide pandemic, all rates quoted are subject to change on a daily basis.

## UFO STAFF

UFO is operating at full staff currently. However, many of our vendors and overseas agents are experiencing very limited staff therefore providing rates and shipment updates on a delayed basis.

UFO will continue to monitor your shipments and update you during these unprecedented times. We appreciate your loyalty and understanding. Please contact Marc Mugfor with any questions: [mmugfor@ufoldt.com](mailto:mmugfor@ufoldt.com).

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