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Truckload Capacity Challenges in U.S.A.

(Morristown, New Jersey) – The U.S. Domestic & International trucking sectors are currently facing a number of turbulent challenges that are causing a significant shortage of available trucking capacity.

Those major factors which are responsible for impacting truckload capacity are as follows:

- Diminishing driver workforce / Difficulty attracting new drivers to the industry
- Limited availability of specialty drivers (HAZMAT, Tank, Refrigerated, Over-weight)
- Restrictive free time schedule / allowance at Rail Ramps
- Tightening truck regulatory requirements – New ELD (Electronic Logging Device) rule taking effect on Dec. 18, 2017, which will strictly limit Hours of Service.
- Growing operational costs for Trucking companies

As the truckload capacity shortage is expected to worsen through the coming months, it will become increasingly difficult for Hamburg Süd to pick-up / deliver loads in a timely fashion and within the allotted free time at the Rail Ramps / Ocean terminals.

Hamburg Süd recommends that customers begin establishing any necessary contingency plans for their individual supply chains and making delivery arrangements in preparation for the forthcoming delays.

We appreciate your understanding of this issue and should you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact your local Hamburg Süd Office/Representative.

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