

**Dear Valued Customer,**

We hope you; your families and your colleagues are in good health.

We have completed three vaccination camps last weekend in Region North – (our Warehouse Sir in Jamalpur + Regional Office Gurgaon and West- Mumbai Regional Office (MIDC). Today we are having our camp in Bangalore- (Neel Mangala Warehouse & Airport Road (HAL Museum) Office). This initiative has allowed us to protect our employees and their extended families.

Given the above, we have seen absenteeism’s due to aftereffects of vaccination depending on the individual which may partly affect some deliverables. In case of any challenges please do reach out to your respective Sales/Commercial contacts.

The total number of new cases has started dropping and currently, the country is clocking around 106,000+ cases per day. With many states, started to come out of the lockdown and breaking the chain, it is expected to ease the situation of the pandemic by third week of June 2021. There is a lot of hope now at the country level as the number of new cases is going down with a total number of cases reported as 28.90 million of which the active being 1.40 million and discharged cases are 27.15 million.

■ New cases in last 24 hours   
 ■ Cured/Discharged in last 24 hours



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**India Moving in Right Direction**

	Active Cases	New Cases	Air Freight	Ocean Freight	Contract Logistics	Land Transportation	Custom Clearance
<b>India</b>	↔	↓	●	●	●	●	●
<b>North</b>	↔	↓	●	●	●	●	●
<b>East</b>	↔	↓	●	●	●	●	●
<b>West</b>	↔	↓	●	●	●	●	●

South	↔	↓	●	●	●	●	●
Bengaluru	↔	↓	●	●	●	●	●
Hyderabad	↔	↓	●	●	●	●	●

● Business Normal   ● Moderate Impact due to CFS/Port Handling & Customs   ● Operations Halted

↓ Trending down   ↔ Status Quo   ↑ Trending Upwards

Normal routine seems to be coming back across West and North India with easing of lockdown measures. South and Bengaluru continue to have restricted movement which is partially impacting the logistics services due to resource challenges from time to time.

### Product Level Status

- **Air Freight –**

- ✓ **Market Dynamics-**

- Due to the unprecedented increase in COVID-19 cases in India, huge movements of incoming humanitarian aid from across the globe of oxygen cylinders, oxygen concentrators, life support equipment and other patient care machinery are witnessed. The consignments are moved through Air due to time constraints.
    - Our Global and Indian teams are relentlessly supporting the transportation of relief/aid material from foreign countries to India.
    - We have been glad to be associated with India's large MNC with moving of Oxygen Plants and other Health care infrastructure much needed during these challenging times.
    - We continue to face restriction in Pax flight due to the current situation in India
    - Overall backlogs situation has not improved across all major gateways in the US, FRA, DXB, DOH to India
    - The amount of export cargo that is moving through the Chicago/Franklin Park warehouse has created massive congestion. Our customers are shipping unprecedented volumes as a result of ocean to air conversions. Hence please expect some delays in movement while we are working on usage of alternate gateways/airports to avoid delays.

- ✓ **COVID impact on Air Operations -**

- Localized restrictions introduced by state governments and local bodies have restricted the workforce at airports. The cargo operations have not been majorly impacted while customs officials, airport handlers and forwards working with coordinated efforts, however complete lockdown has impacted the movement of individuals and there is restricted movement of staff.
    - Given the fact that many of our staff or their families are impacted, we have sent a detailed escalation matrix by region and product. Please reach out to us for any delays on documentation, pre-alerts, quotations, system updates or customer follow-ups.

- **CFS Operations**

- Resource shortage is observed in Bengaluru due to labour shortage. This will increase halting charges if trucks do not arrive well in advance.
    - We are expected to see delays in the carting and stuffing process due to the pandemic.
    - The situation in North Region is improving in operations and trucking

- **Contract Logistics**

- In Hyderabad/Telangana, as per the latest guidelines from the state government, our Hyderabad warehouse is operational from 0600 hours to 1300 hours due to the extension of lockdown till 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021.
- North & West region are opening gradually with South and East Region still under lockdown
- **Custom Clearance (No Change)-**
  - In Tamil Nadu, only essential goods are being cleared by FTWZ while the movement of their staff is restricted.
  - We anticipate delay's in customs clearance activities across all gateways due to an increase in COVID – 19 cases and reduced staff at customs.
  - All import and export-related activities are affected due to travel and social distancing restrictions at work.
  - We will have delays in clearance activities due to curfew/lockdown, restrictions on the movement of people, public transport, imposition of essential services pass, restrictions on the workforce at the office etc.
  - The customs have implemented the submission of documents through e-mail for specified items to minimize human contact and staff to work during office hours.
  - The priority for clearance shall be given to COVID-19 related products or equipments and vaccines etc.
- **Land Transportation (No Change) -**
  - In Hyderabad/Telangana, all goods vehicles for loading and unloading will be permitted from 2100 to 0800 hours. Apart from that only oxygen and domestic gas cylinders carrying vehicles, oxygen tankers, medical equipment and water tankers, dairy, fish, and meat-related transportation to cold storage points will be allowed
- **Ocean Freight**
  - Space & Equipment challenges with the carriers are expected to continue for 2-3 months more due to the unpredicted demand and limited capacity inducement.
  - Required 2-3 weeks advance forecasting to avoid booking delays.
  - There are changes in the port rotation and blank sailings for the Exports, expected delays in the sailings.
  - Imports Ex South China impacted, possible congestion at the ports as the Yantian port operation is slow due to increase COVID cases.
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### **India Country Overview:**

The number of cases in the last 24 hours has crossed 1.06 lakhs+, pushing the total number of cases to over 28.90 million and the total death count to 3.49 lakhs +.

Major countries like United States, Hong Kong, United Kingdom, Canada, Pakistan, New Zealand, Oman, Nigeria, UAE, Iran, Australia, France, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Maldives, Thailand, Bangladesh, Italy, Israel, Singapore(restricted), Germany, Taiwan, Nepal etc have put India under the international travel ban due to the rising number of COVID – 19 cases.

India has extended the scheduled international commercial passengers from/to India till 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021. These restrictions don't apply to international all-cargo operations and flights specifically approved by DGCA. However, International scheduled flights may be allowed on selected routes by the competent authorities on case to case basis.

**India lockdown status:**

	Full	Weekend	Curfew	Date
<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	✓			30 <sup>st</sup> June
<b>Delhi</b>	✓		✓	14 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Haryana</b>	✓			14 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Jharkhand</b>	✓			10 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Karnataka</b>	✓			14 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Kerala</b>	✓			9 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Maharashtra</b>	✓			15 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Punjab</b>	✓			10 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Rajasthan</b>	✓	✓	✓	8 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	✓			14 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Telangana</b>	✓			9 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>		✓	✓	
<b>West Bengal</b>	✓			15 <sup>th</sup> June

**Bangladesh Overview**

With COVID-19 positivity rate surging in India-Bangladesh bordering districts, the government has extended the countrywide restrictions till 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021 to check virus transmission. All tourist spots, resorts, community, and entertainment centers will remain closed during the period. Restaurants and food shops are allowed to stay open from 0600 to 2200 hours every day with restrictions. Now inter-district bus, train and launch services will resume across the country on the condition that they operate at half their capacity for a week. Bangladesh Bank yesterday extended the banking hour by half an hour and decided to keep banks open from 1000 hours to 1500 hours until 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

On the Air Freight side, the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh has approved the resumption of international passenger flights in and out of Bangladesh for 26 countries, with certain strict rules in place. India, South Africa and 10 other countries are not allowed for incoming and outgoing passengers. Overall cargo movement at DAC airport is very slow due to the global pandemic impact and EID festival holiday. However, factories are re-opening now. There is frequent rain possibility in the rainy summer monsoon season from June through mid-October. Therefore, all customers are requested to maintain the below precautionary measures to protect cargo and faster service. Overall cargo movement at DAC airport is very slow due to the global pandemic impact and EID festival holiday. However, factories are re-opening now and we are expecting a surge in cargo movement from 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June. There is no backlog at Dhaka airport. Nevertheless, there is a pile-up for US and Canada outbound cargo from ex DAC. Onward connections from HUB to the US and Canada are challenging now due to high-value cargo gravity. Expected transit time to US destination 8-9 days, it may need additional 2/3 days depending on the situation. Airfreight rates also might little bit increase from 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June 2021.

In Ocean Freight, due to Cyclone 'Yash', just passed but four children drowned in tidal water and a rickshaw-puller was crushed under a tree in Barishal division. 27 Upazilas in nine districts

were affected by the cyclone. the maritime ports of Chattogram, Cox's Bazar, Mongla, and Payra to hoist signal number two to avoid after cyclone tidal effect. Besides, Chittagong port observing the scarcity of open space of a devanning container at the LCL shed. At the same time, LCL limited spaces are frequently occupying FCL containers since FCL yards are badly congested and causing a longer time for a devanning of LCL cargo. Usually, it takes 10-15 days for devanning for an LCL shipment but now it takes three weeks. As per the port officials, it might 3-4 weeks to solve the issue. However, with the continuous effort of our operation team, we are moving our cargo as per our client's demand.

At land transport, the availability of vehicles and drivers on the Indian side of the border is affected due to the ongoing lockdown across the country. India government does not allow truck movement from one state to another state if commodity does not fall under essential goods. The vehicles rate is enhanced and estimated to be +/-35% amount compared to normal flows. Congestion at Petrapole LCS as of 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021: Overall it takes +/- 14 days for Importing goods from India to Bangladesh. More than 4000 vehicles are in the Petrapole queue. The daily average movement of vehicles from India to Bangladesh is +/- 250 while earlier it was 400 per day.

Bangladesh has registered 1,676 fresh COVID - 19 cases and 38 death in the last 24 hours until Sunday, taking the tally total to 810,990 cases and the number of deaths to 12,839.



#### **Global update:**

Please refer to the [global COVID updates on the corporate website.](#)

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