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Congestion at SA Ports

There is no quick or easy resolution of the congestion and delays caused by the recent Transnet strike. It may take up to 12 weeks to catch up with the backlogs that have arisen.

At Durban, 6 ships are alongside and being worked while a total of 13 ships are awaiting berths. A further 26 vessels carrying over 19000 containers are expected to arrive during the next week.

The import stack at Durban is over 90% full and this is creating delays in loading and dispatching containers for road delivery. The average turn around time for trucks entering the container terminal at Durban is in the region of 12 hours for both imports and exports. There are also lengthy delays reported at Port Elizabeth (up to 6 hours) and Cape Town (8 hours).

Fair weather is fortunately forecast at all ports for the next few days.

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