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### 1. Durban Container Terminal

No further labour disputes have erupted and the terminal appears to have worked normally today. This facility is very congested and there are reported to be lengthy queues of vehicles waiting for admittance. The average turn-around time for vehicles is about 3 hours.

### 2. Durban-Gauteng Rail Deliveries

Delays are being experienced in moving cargo on this route and the City Deep terminals are experiencing congestion which is further exacerbating the situation.

### 3. 40' Gauteng Container Returns

**EVERGREEN LINE** has announced that empty 40' containers will not be accepted at their Johannesburg depot until further notice unless the line was also responsible for railing the container to Gauteng. Containers manifested to Durban or brought to Johannesburg by merchant haulage must be returned to the Durban depot.

### 4. FRENCH STRIKE ACTION

Fos sur Mer (Marseilles) is experiencing "massive" congestion which is being worsened by intermittent strike action by port labour. Clients expecting cargo from this Mediterranean port are advised to factor extensive delays into their planning. Shipping lines do not expect an easing of the situation for several months.

### 5. EUROPEAN HOLIDAYS

Europe's summer holiday season is getting into full swing: many producers and distributors, especially in Southern Europe, will be shutting their facilities for the holidays which will delay the movement of cargoes not yet dispatched. Rising demand for passenger seats on flights to/from Europe may also impact the availability of cargo space, Many airfreight shipments from the United States and Asia transit European airspace and may suffer delays as a result.

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