

Safcor Panalpina's bulletin to our valued partners

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Container Shortages

Import clients are reminded that severe shortages of 20' containers are being experienced at many Far East ports. It is taking up to four weeks for containers to be sourced and made available to shippers: importers are urged to place their orders early and to also ensure that suppliers understand their shipping requirements and do not substitute 40' containers unless specifically instructed to do so. There are potentially severe cost penalties to importers who substitute 40' containers for 20' units.

Weather Delays

Heavy snowfalls, sub-zero temperatures and heavy rains have caused numerous roads throughout the country to be closed. These include the following routes:

- N2 between Mount Ayliff and Kokstad
- N3 North between Howick and Villiers
- N3 South between Villiers and Van Reenen
- N3 at Van Reenen's Pass
- N5 between Bethlehem and Harrismith
- N6 between Queenstown and Jamestown (Penhoek Pass)
- N9 between Noupoort and Middelburg
- N9 between Graaf Reinet and Middelburg
- N10 between Hanover and Middelburg
- N11 between Volksrust and Newcastle (Majuba Pass)
- R26 between Rouxville and Zastron (flooding)
- R34 between Volksrust and Memel
- R330 between St Francis Bay and Humansdorp (collapsed bridge)
- R61 between Graaf Reinet and Cradock (Wapadsberg Pass)
- R61 between Queenstown and Cofimvaba
- R61 between Cradock and Tarkastad
- R61 between Tarkastad and Queenstown
- R67 between Seymour and Whittlesea (Nico Malan Pass)
- R712 between Qwa Qwa and Golden Gate
- R712 between Harrismith and Qwa Qwa

The bad weather is causing extensive delays to container deliveries from the ports to inland destinations. It is not clear to what extent rail movements have been affected. Further heavy snow is possible tonight over the KwaZulu-Natal Drakensburg and the Mpumalanga Highveld. Roads are expected to remain closed for at least another 24 hours.

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