

Safcor Panalpina's bulletin to our valued partners

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Japan Earthquake Update

There will be considerable delays with the import and export of cargo from various areas in Japan. A backlog of cargo has built up since the day of the earthquake. There is limited public transport and fuel shortages and therefore companies are experiencing staff shortages. In addition to this, there are planned electricity outages for parts of the day in the affected areas.

Airfreight

The Narita International Airport in Tokyo is operational to some extent. There are, however, considerable import and export backlogs and some carriers are refusing to accept cargo destined for Narita International Airport. For urgent imports/exports to and from Japan, it is suggested you contact your business unit manager to discuss alternatives.

Seafreight

The ports of Kobe, Hakata and Moji are operating normally. There are delays at Tokyo, Yokohama and Shimizu. Some of the vessels are omitting these ports to protect their sailing schedules.

If the nuclear threat becomes more serious, carriers may decide to cancel flights and sailings to these areas.

We will do our best to pass on any relevant information concerning the situation.

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