

Safcor Panalpina's bulletin to our valued partners

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**Notice of Secondary Strike
Pre-Shipment Inspections for Zambia
Japan Update****NOTICE OF SECONDARY STRIKE**

The South African Transport and Allied Workers Union (SATAWU) has given notice of proposed secondary strike action by its members at both Durban and Richards Bay harbours, which will commence on Wednesday 6th April. If the strike goes ahead it will seriously affect the movement of all cargo through both ports.

PRE-SHIPMENT INSPECTIONS FOR ZAMBIA

Zambia is introducing mandatory pre-shipment inspections for all goods in the categories listed below from 1st May 2011.

Toys; sports equipment; childcare products; electrical & electronic products; vehicle parts; chemical products; mechanical products; building materials; gas equipment and appliances; textiles, textile products; footwear; furniture; paper; stationery; safety gear and protective equipment; foodstuffs; used products.

Manufacturers/suppliers of affected products will either have to be registered to export these to Zambia or the products themselves will have to be registered (licensed) for export. Alternately, individual shipments will have to be inspected and authorised for export prior to despatch.

JAPAN UPDATE

Aftershocks are still being experienced, but their frequency and intensity is reducing. The country is no longer experiencing fuel shortages and road transport is unrestricted. Customs is operating normally.

Airfreight

Some airlines are performing radiation screening on exports at their cost. Operations back to normal on imports.

Seafreight

All the major ports are functioning normally. Vessel schedules are generally on time.

All Panalpina offices in Japan are now operating normally.

We have suspended the handling of goods originating/shipped within a radius of 40km from the Fukushima nuclear power plant in accordance with the Japanese Nuclear Safety Agency's guidelines.

At this stage, it is not necessary for seafreight exports destined for South Africa to undergo screening for radioactive contamination. We will advise clients if the situation should change.

A number of Japanese service providers are available to provide radiation screening services at a cost of approximately JPY 80,000 per shipment plus transportation to and from their facilities. It takes a few days to obtain the report once the screening has been done.

More details on this topic may be found on the MLIT (Japanese Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport) website: <http://www.mlit.go.jp/en/index.html>

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