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**World Cup Disruptions Expected**

With the Soccer World Cup just five months away clients are urged to review their import requirements now and to plan for the delays and disruptions that are likely to be experienced during May June and July this year.

Before, during and after matches widespread disruption and congestion is expected in the vicinity of venues, training facilities, fan parks and transport termini – especially airports.

**AIRFREIGHT**

In addition to visiting supporters many thousands of officials, media representatives and team support personnel are expected to start arriving in the country from the end of April. These people will be accompanied by large quantities of supplies and equipment. Increased passenger and equipment movements will impact on the ability of carriers to move ordinary cargo. Many of these people will also be "on the move" throughout the tournament, which will create further congestion.

Cargo space on all flights is expected to be at a premium at this time; this will result in short shipments, short deliveries and extended transit times for cargo. Increases in freight rates may also be experienced.

High road traffic volumes are expected in the vicinity of airports: the authorities have warned of delays in getting to and from airports of up to 3 hours. These are the same roads on which clients' airfreight cargoes move: delays and disruptions in deliveries to and from airfreight termini are also expected.

**SEAFREIGHT**

Cape Town is expecting at least two cruise ships to be in port to provide accommodation for visitors for the duration of the World Cup. The Port Authority has committed itself to assisting in making this tournament a success and preference will be given to passenger vessels at the port. This could result in restricted berth access for cargo ships and some delays. Similar situations could occur at other ports.

**SURFACE MOVEMENTS**

The **2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa Special Measures Act, 2006** provides for all match, practice, and exhibition venues as well as fan parks to be proclaimed "designated areas" before, during and after matches. These areas may extend for several kilometers around a particular venue. Access to such areas will be severely restricted: vehicles will be excluded from these zones meaning that Safcor Panalpina may not be able to deliver or collect cargo in your area on certain days. For the World Cup draw held in Cape Town at the beginning of December, some streets in the vicinity of the Cape Town International Convention Centre were closed for up to 72 hours.

**WHAT CAN CLIENTS DO?**

1. **Review your inventories.** Order and import critical stocks items well in advance of the World Cup. Safcor Panalpina is able to assist clients with both free and bonded storage for such imports. By law only goods that are subject to customs duties can be held in a bonded facility. It may be difficult, if not impossible, to move cargoes for clients at short notice, especially by airfreight, during the World Cup.
2. **Extend your anticipated lead times** to allow for delays and disruptions. This should be done for airfreight and seafreight.
3. **Check your locality.** If your business/delivery address is in a "designated area" make alternate delivery arrangements. The same comment applies if the access route to your business/delivery address passes through a designated area. Airlines, shipping lines and Portnet will not waive storage charges because of your inability to accept deliveries.

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