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Dear business partners,

The situation in direct import remains tense. In some cases, there are still significant delays in the arrival times of ships.

Due to drone and missile attacks on cargo ships, the shipping companies have decided to reroute all ships around the southern end of Africa.

This decision marks a dramatic change in sea freight, as avoiding the Suez Canal will extend the transit time between Asia and Europe by around 2 weeks. Rates are also likely to be adjusted to reflect the situation. The increased demand for alternative modes of transport, such as rail, will put pressure on capacities there and also lead to rising rates and longer transit times.

All of these circumstances make it almost impossible to predict exact delivery dates for sea freight at the moment.

Unfortunately, our pricing is also directly affected by the whole situation. Rising prices for raw materials, containers, diesel and personnel make a reliable calculation very difficult to realize. Therefore, please always ask for current daily prices.

We hope that the situation will ease somewhat in the foreseeable future. In any case, we will keep you up to date by e-mail or on our website.

Yours sincerely

Fischer Import GmbH