

21 Apr 2020: Global logistics operations COVID-19 update

Today, the WHO reported 2,532,431 confirmed cases of the COVID-19 virus in 185 countries/regions worldwide. Supply chain is an essential service and critical to support the infrastructure for our communities. Government agencies and health organizations around the world continue to adjust guidelines as the situation evolves. The challenges supply chains are facing (e.g., transport, manufacturing, cost, etc.) in this environment are changing daily. We are adapting solutions to mitigate the impact of these changes to supply chain operations. Updates on operations and carriers regarding COVID-19 impacts are below. Today’s changes are highlighted yellow.

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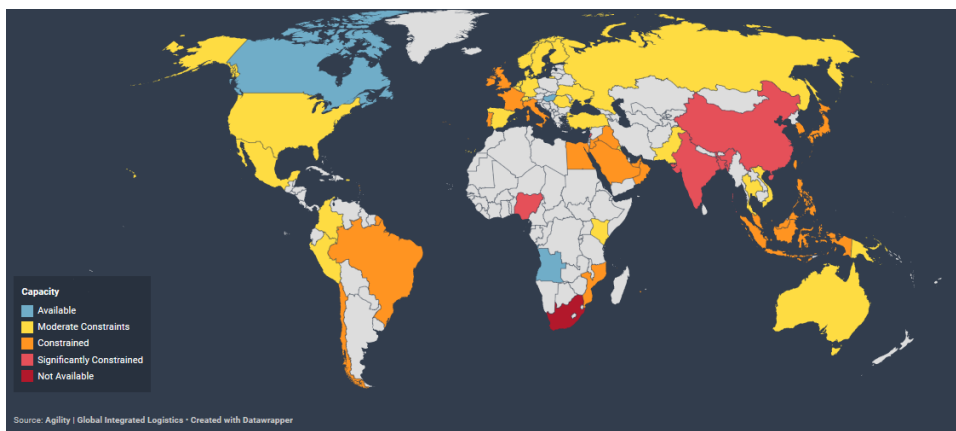
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Summary

The ability to move goods is reduced compared to pre-COVID-19 times. The challenges we are facing include reduction of number of available aircraft and vessels; increased border crossing lead-times in several countries; shortages of ocean containers; and cost increases for all modes of transit. Some of the headwinds faced include:

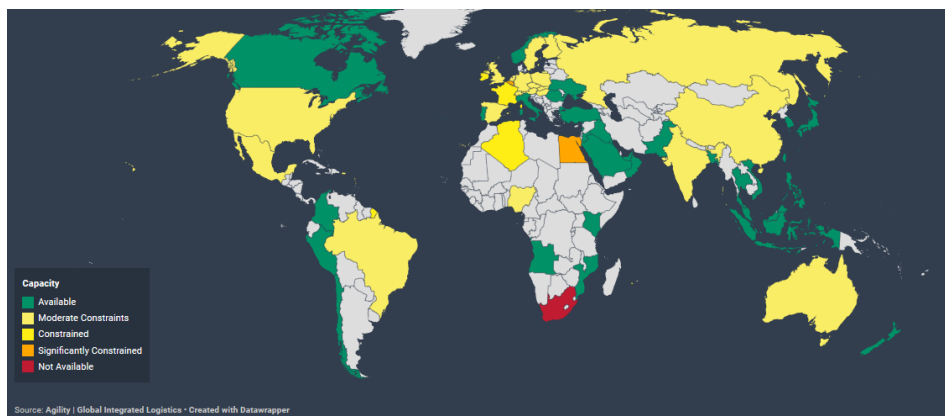
- Air:

- Global air cargo capacity last week was 31% below levels for same week in 2019, Seabury says. That is an improvement from the prior week when capacity was 35% below prior-year levels. Capacity remains down by double digits across all lanes. Transpacific capacity last week was down 10%.
- The decline in widebody belly capacity has levelled off, but belly capacity across all regions has yet to show signs of a recovery despite increases on some intra-Asia routes.
- Global freighter capacity is increasing and is 20% higher than 2019 levels. There have been stronger freight capacity increases at airports in China, Russia, South Korea, USA, and some Middle East airports.
- Transpacific air cargo capacity has increased 150% since February. Belly capacity increased last week, but remains relatively low, Seabury says. More than 90% of Transpacific cargo capacity is currently being handled by freighters

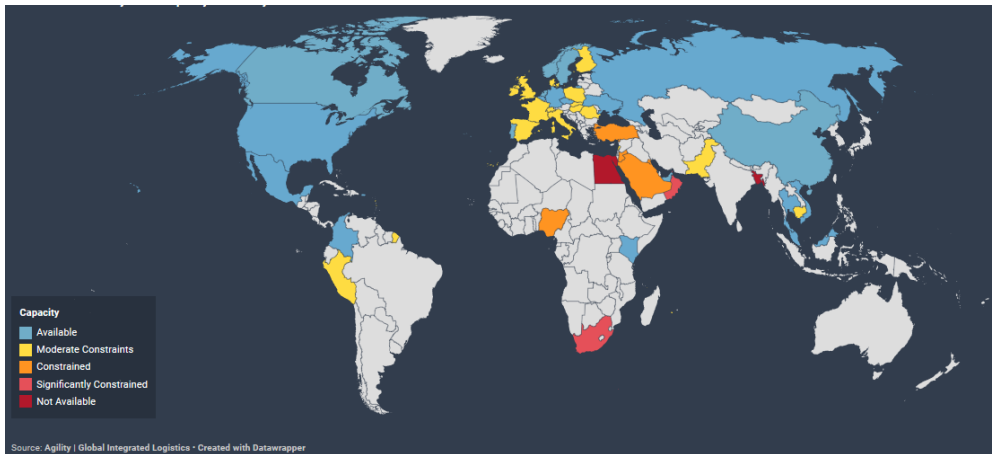


- Ocean:

- The biggest current impact of COVID-19 is on space and container availability throughout the world.
- Due to reduced volumes, resulting from the fast spreading Coronavirus and a corresponding collapse in demand throughout numerous key markets, the ocean carriers have reacted by pulling out capacity in the form of additional blanks sailing and by eliminating complete strings, reducing total capacity by 50%+ in some large volume trades. These reduced capacities have resulted in an upheaval of traditional container positioning patterns, and we are seeing several shortages of equipment and space to accommodate the still robust trades, such as Europe to Far East.
- It is exceedingly difficult to predict how these patterns will develop over the next few weeks and months, as several countries have stopped all commercial containers coming in and out of the country during these extended lockdown periods. We expect carriers to apply Equipment Repositioning Charges/Fees and Peak Season Surcharges where commercially feasible during Q2 2020 and beyond



- Parcel: Emergency surcharges for FedEx, UPS and DHL are now in place to cover increased operating costs due to COVID-19.
- Road/Trucking:
 - o The Road Freight market is feeling the effects of COVID-19. Impact is different based on the on-the-ground situation, but in many countries, market conditions are driving delays in pick-up and deliveries, changing lead times and unforeseen costs.
 - o North American Intermodal volumes continue to drop on a year to year basis with trailers down 21.7% and international containers down 7.6%.



Ocean Operations

- NVOCC carriers Ocean freight consolidators are benefitting from a boom in LCL (less than containerload) (LCL). As freight forwarders move away from full containers because of the coronavirus outbreak that have resulted in export contractions globally
- Global schedule reliability of liner shipping companies dropped to the lowest recorded level since Sea- Intelligence introduced the score in 2011. Namely, in February 2020 the schedule reliability was down by a further 3.4 percentage points month on month hitting 65.1% (World Maritime News April 3rd)
- Capacity reductions set to stay. By removing capacity from the container shipping market, carriers have managed to maintain freight rates so far. Further blankings are likely on non-mainlane trades, however, new wave of cuts likely as China export demand falls. (Lloyds List April 6)
- The recovery in containerized exports from China may prove short-lived as retailers in North America and Europe respond to a slump in consumer spending, with serious consequences for container lines that had been hoping for a return to relative normality during the summer.
- The International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA) has urged governments to act to ensure that ports remain open to allow the freight and logistics sector to help tackle the Covid-19 crisis. FIATA noted that although announcements were already being made about what may be “the largest drop in the volume of shipments in living memory”, international trade and logistics, although severely affected by the international Covid-19 corridors by air, sea and land, “continues to function” – although only just.

Asia/Oceania:

- Australian ports require any inbound vessel to travel at minimum of 14 days. Maritime Safety Queensland has eased its entry restrictions to allow all vessels to call the port of Brisbane except those from China and South Korea.
- Space remains tight as additional void sailings are announced until May by ocean carriers.
- Far East to North America trade will experience 60 blank sailings by the 3 alliances between week 16 and 26.
- Far East to Europe trade will experience 56 blank sailing by major ocean carriers between week 16 and 26.
- TPEB rates are expected to increase further. There has been an increase in spot rates.

- Advanced bookings are recommended for all trade lanes.
- Manila port in Philippines is experiencing space issue in the CY. The recommendation is to either re-route cargo to a different port or arrange to pick up inbound containers as soon as possible. Additional cost may apply in an event that port needs to make any special arrangement such as temporary storage, diversion or moving cargo to a different location. Ocean Carriers announced a port congestion surcharge for reefer containers.
- Singapore eases up on crew change restrictions under certain circumstances. Shipowners and ship agencies may submit their requests to the MPA for consideration.

United States

- Due to number of blank sailings and idled containerships, Port of Virginia is closing the port's Portsmouth Marine Terminal starting May 4, 2020. Cargo volumes will be consolidated to other terminals.
- Some carriers are offering storage at transshipment ports in order to avoid demurrage fees, also to slow down import at congested ports where importers are unable to pick up their containers.
- Carriers are answering shipper calls to slow down the import of containers that are filled with consumer goods that cannot be sold with non-essential retailers shuttered amid the pandemic lockdown.
- Ocean carriers are willing to make special arrangements for demurrage and detention in case of terminal closure, any restrictions, or changes of earliest return date for export. Any third-party expense such as chassis, storage fees, etc. is not covered by ocean carrier.
- US Terminals slow down operations as imports fall away. While some terminals are working normal hours, others are operating under reduced hours or closed 1-2 days during week.
- Equipment availability remains challenging, especially in some inland locations.
- Due to low import volume exporters have been dealing scarcity of empty containers for weeks.
- GRI from U.S. to Asia, Oceania, Middle East, India Sub applied by majority of carriers effective April 01st. Additional GRI announcements are introduced by carriers for May 01 and May 15 to most destinations.
- Space availability is an issue. Advanced bookings are recommended for all trade lanes.
- Free time requests have become restricted globally. Existing free times are being honored so far.
- Ocean carriers are asking all customers to use their available online tools when possible before contacting them via phone or email. The request includes online payments as well. No physical documents are accepted by ports.
- Ocean carriers are requesting all disputes are submitted within 5 days or as soon as possible.

Canada:

- Ports and offices are working normal hours.
- Equipment availability is not a concern currently.
- Drayage and trucking operations is running smoothly.

Middle East/India Sub/Africa:

- India - Officials announced extended lockdown until May 03 for the entire country.
 - Ports and ICDs are working with limited number of staff. All major ports are functional, and productivity is normal, berthing of some vessels is getting delayed due to quarantine requirements of Port Health Office.
 - Indamex service (India – US) have announced one voyage sliding due to unavailability of cargo/bookings, other services may follow the same.
 - There is delay in new booking release, MBL release and Import DO Issuance
 - Space availability from India Sub and Middle East to Asia is challenging. There has been a significant increase in rates.
 - Most countries are under curfew until further notice. Ports are operating normal hours. Port wait time is long in some countries for inbound vessels.
- Bangladesh - Port authority suspended crew changes for 8 weeks from March 21. If crew change is unavoidable, a 14 days self-quarantine is required. All foreign ships arriving Chattogram port will be

- quarantined for 16 days.
- Kuwait - Container terminals are operating with normal hours.
 - All marine agencies are required to provide a copy of their logbook for the past 30 working days.
 - Effective March 23, Kuwait and Saudi borders are restricted to move essential commodities such as food and medical supplies only. Border authorities in KSA recommending other commodities to move by Sea or Air. Borders of Maritime placed restrictions move by Sea or Air.
- Asia-Europe ocean carriers are reducing FAK rates for May as forward booking prospects deteriorate with the collapse in demand.
- Reports of ports suffering congestion as consignees and their forwarders were unable or unwilling to collect imports were today backed up by new data showing higher utilization of storage areas and warehouse.
- Limited capacity and lack of equipment (special in particular: 2 weeks delay from booking to pick up day) is still an issue, blank sailings from FE are not giving a good contribution to solve this problem.
- Ports, terminal, depots, rail services, trucking services are almost fully functioning
- More container service cancellations likely as another wave of cuts in deployed capacity and further reduced frequency of maritime container services is expected in the coming weeks due to the coronavirus, resulting in about 27% of supply being removed from the Asia-Europe trade alone.
- Blanked sailings are expected to increase for certain trade lanes. Carriers are rapidly reducing head haul capacity from Asia Pacific. This risks a shortage of equipment being imported for backhaul volumes.
- The European Commission has formalized its decision to extend the Consortia Block Exemption Regulation for four years. But forwarder representatives say shippers' voices have been ignored.
- With global shippers focused on keeping the world trading as best they can, the unqualified extension of the CBER until 2024 will be a surprise and feel as if the commission has taken
- advantage of the coronavirus crisis to push through an unpopular and contested decision," said Global Shipper's Forum (GSF) secretary-general James Hookham.
- Space and equipment shortages are being reported in all locations.
- Factories are slower in production.
- Rate increase announced for export to North America and Mexico.
- All ports remain operational. There is no report of any port closure now.
- Trucking shortages are being reported in and out of effected countries.
- There is a mandatory 14 days quarantine implemented in some countries for truckers coming from Italy.

Latin America:

- Increased pressures reported in several terminals in Latin America. The performance of those terminals slowed down as they face cumulative difficulties to move containers in and out of the terminal. Ports and operations are running smoothly with normal hours.
- Due to transitioning of market rate increase in expected for service to Asia in coming weeks.
- Service to US and Europe is running smoothly with no significant issue. Most vessels are reportedly moving full.

Ocean Port Operations Status

- India Ports (Nhava Sheva, Mundra, Pipavav, Chennai and Calcutta) are operational with limited staff
- Prince Rupert – normal
- Vancouver – normal
- Montreal - normal
- Halifax – normal
- Seattle: Fri 4/24 – T18 closed.
- Tacoma: Fri 4/24 – PCT closed.
- Oakland – normal
- Houston: normal
- New Orleans: normal
- Mobile: normal

- Tampa: normal
- Port Everglades: normal
- Miami: normal
- Jacksonville: normal
- Savannah: normal
- Virginia: Portsmouth Marine Terminal will be closed starting May 04, 2020. Cargo volumes will be consolidated to other terminals.
- Norfolk: normal
- Charleston: normal
- Baltimore: normal
- Philadelphia: normal
- New York: normal
- Boston – normal
- Rotterdam: normal
- Le Havre: normal
- Hamburg – normal
- Antwerp – normal
- Felixstowe – normal

Commercial Air Operations Update

Handling issues compound capacity challenges. Social distancing and stricter rules aimed at preventing the further spread of coronavirus are reducing the efficiency of air cargo handling, adding time into supply chains and in effect limiting overall available capacity, according to leading forwarders (Lloyds Loading List, April 8)

Asia-Europe air rates increased rapidly last week, the latest figures from TAC Index show that average prices from Shanghai to Europe last week increased by a huge 42.3%, a record for the index. There was also, a 27.4% week-on-week increase on services from Hong Kong to Europe – also a trade lane record for the index. Rates dropped on the westbound transatlantic – down 18.9% on Frankfurt to North America. Chicago to Europe registered a 15.9% increase. (Air Cargo News, April 7). Airfreight rates between China and Europe increased rapidly last week but there was a drop to North America.

Air cargo capacity down by 35% on last year. Figures released consultant Seabury show that most trade lanes are seeing capacity reductions compared with a year ago of between 30-60%. Some of the hardest hit trade lanes are Europe-Africa, which is down 59% in both directions, and South America-Europe, which is down more than 60% in both directions. Asia Pacific to Europe is down 30% while the reverse direction has reported a 32% fall in capacity. (Air Cargo News, April 6)

Despite an accelerating drop in overall global tonnages carried by air at the end of last month, international air freight forwarders continue to report tight capacity on many key lanes – notably ex-Asia and the transatlantic.

IATA released an information page listing the status of air lines globally, which is free for all to access; <https://www.tact-online.org/covid-19>. IATA has welcomed the European Commission’s (EC) Guidelines on Facilitating Air Cargo Operations During the Covid-19 Outbreak. IATA said that the EC has understood the industry’s challenges and provided comprehensive and practical guidance to ensure that permissions to operate are quickly granted and that air crew are able to operate efficiently with exemptions from quarantine measures global airlines face \$39bn in second quarter net loss as revenue and traffic plummet, IATA says.

World goods trade is expected to fall by between 13% and 32% in 2020 as the COVID 19 pandemic disrupts normal economic activity and life around the world, the World Trade Organization (WTO) forecasts, with a recovery expected in 2021 dependent on the duration of the outbreak and the effectiveness of policy responses. WTO predicted that nearly

all regions will suffer double-digit declines in trade volumes in 2020, with exports from North America and Asia hit hardest. It said trade will likely fall steeper in sectors with complex value chains, particularly electronics and automotive products.

- United, LATAM and Turkish join Cathay Pacific, Korean, Delta, and IAG in using some of their passenger aircraft on cargo-only services.
- Delta Cargo and American Airlines Cargo are the first Vendors to make use of the free PayCargo community service. The online payment company has launched a free communication mechanism that allows vendors such as airlines, ship terminals, and maritime operators to share key information with the 20,000-plus payer users in the company's online system. The service enables vendors to communicate the availability of new capacity options to payers and has been launched to help the freight and shipping community as it contends with global supply chain challenges due to the Covid-19 outbreak.
- Carriers who are currently operating freighters: this is very fluid however on a positive note none have reduced flights but rather adding. Space of course as this continues will be limited the rates into EMEA are increasing anywhere 50% or higher.
KE/5X/LH/CI/NH/QR/CX/TK/FX/DHL/BR/RU/EY/LY/5C
- Air Bridge Cargo - is suspending flight operations in and of IAH/DFW/LAX until further notice. The initial April schedule did show LAX/ORD/AMS at 3x/week, but in the final schedule the decision has been taken to suspend LAX flights and close the LAX office as of March 31.
- Air Canada has significantly reduced its number of flights as a result of the Covid-19 outbreak, but it is utilizing its fleet to transport cargo to keep supply chains moving. Check aircanadacargo.com for flight updates. In an operations update, Air Canada said that it has capacity on scheduled wide body flights operating on routes between Canada, Europe, and Asia. Capacity is also available on four weekly cargo-only flights to and from Shanghai — and there is a possibility that it will add additional scheduled flights to and from Shanghai too. Additionally, ad-hoc all-cargo flights on Boeing 777 and 787-9 aircraft are available on demand to almost anywhere in the world. Dozens of such flights have operated so far, mostly from Toronto to Europe and Asia.
- Air France/KLM Freighters will continue per schedule.
- Air India canceled flights from UK-EU into India, including citizens trying to return home. Flights to Italy, France, South Korean, Kuwait, Spain and Sri Lanka were suspended until April 30. Halts all passenger flight bookings until April 30
- Aer Lingus cancelled LAX –DUB until further notice SEA will cancel at the end of March.
- American Airlines is expanding its cargo-only operations this month to provide more than 5.5m pounds of capacity to transport critical goods between the US, Latin America, Europe, and Asia. The carrier has added flights from Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) to Dublin and Hong Kong; flights between New York and London Heathrow (LHR); and flights between Miami (MIA) and Buenos Aires. The airline is also working towards adding cargo-only services to Shanghai and Seoul by the end of the month. In addition to these services, American continues to carry cargo on all its passenger flights. Internationally, the airline runs 17 weekly widebody aircraft flights, each with the capacity to move almost 2 million pounds of cargo per week. These passenger flights on widebody aircraft include a daily service between DFW and LHR, MIA and LHR, and three weekly flights between DFW and Tokyo Narita. (Air Cargo News April 9). American Airlines has implemented a peak season surcharge due to COVID-19 which will apply to new bookings after March 17, it does not apply to shipments to and from Brazil. Please review their news release for their updated schedule.
- Austrian Airlines is to provide 16 flights per week from Vienna International Airport utilizing B767-300 and B777-200 passenger jets. Shanghai will be served eight times a week, Beijing five times per week, Penang (PEN) twice weekly and Xiamen (XMN) once a week, adds the statement. (Air Cargo Eye, April 14)
- British Airways cancelled operations between IAH-LHR until further notice. Ceased operations into Shanghai and Beijing and pulled any existing crew. Cancelled all flights from London City airport. British Airways to suspend passenger flights to Hong Kong & Sydney from early April. Cancellation of London- Singapore service possible. British Airways suspends all flights from London Gatwick. British Airways to suspend 80% of its staff during COVID-19 crisis. Direct flights to Tokyo suspended from April 3

- Cargolux will increase freighter capacity to China over the coming weeks as production lines resume operations. The move comes as freighter operators brace for a spike in demand from China as a result of passenger airlines cutting services due to low demand and factories slowly starting to come back online following an extended Chinese New Year break due to the coronavirus outbreak.
- China Airlines reducing flights in and out of Mainland China with the exception being freighter operations.
- Cathay Pacific (and Cathay Dragon) Following a year of never-ending force majeure, from Hong Kong unrest, to coronavirus outbreak in its main market China, to then a global COVID-19 pandemics, Cathay Pacific says it has not reached the rock bottom and expects even worse days ahead. Amidst the global COVID-19 outbreak and tightening travel restrictions, Cathay Pacific operated just 10% of flights in March 2020, the airline revealed on April 16. However, the Hong Kong-based carrier expects the upcoming months could be even worse, warning that its passenger flights could be down to just 1%. Suspended all freighter flights into all cities in India. As a result of recently announced government- imposed restrictions in India and Vietnam several flights have been cancelled. Refer to the “Check Flight Availability” function on their website for the latest and most up-to-date flight schedule information. Suspended operations between SFO - HKG as of March 29 for a period of 2 months. Their plan is to resume operations from May 31. Check their website for additional flight cancellations. Cathay Pacific Airways to make further cuts to flights due to low demand
- Delta – Service has been suspended between New York and Atlanta to London-Heathrow. Delta Cargo is adjusting operating hours for warehouses, DASH offices and the Cargo Customer Service Center. To see the hours of DASH offices and their global warehouses, please visit Worldwide Locations on deltacargo.com. Due to government flight restriction the are suspending some additional flight New York-London 4-1, Los Angeles and Tokyo-Haneda, Atlanta-Rio de Janeiro suspended as of March 29, Atlanta-Sao Paulo suspended as of April 3 and some others. As demand for medical supplies continues to grow in the U.S., vital supply lines are getting a boost today as Delta restarts regularly scheduled operations from China with the launch of cargo-only flights between Shanghai and Detroit. The flights will operate three times weekly using a fuel-efficient Airbus A350-900 aircraft, a wide body jet that can carry 49 tons of cargo in its hold. Once the cargo arrives in Detroit, it will be transferred to domestic passenger flights to be shipped to destinations around the U.S. This is a round trip open space from DTW-PVG. Effective March 30, 2020, Delta Cargo is changing its booking window, allowing customers to book shipments within 7 days out instead of 14 days out. This new timeframe will help minimize shipment disruptions as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve and impact Delta's flight schedule. Visit Deltacargo.com for the latest updates.
- Emirates Globally, all PAX operations end on March 25. We will be operating freighters and PAX freighters only. We are in survival mode. The only freighters for now that will continue are ORD and IAH. Those stations that have lost belly lift will arrange transport of their shipments to the nearest freighter station. The best thing is to have your local offices stay in touch with the local EK offices. Emirates Airline plans to restart operations from Dubai International Airport’s Terminal 3 to accommodate additional repatriation flights to Jakarta, Tunis, Algiers, Manila, Tapei, and Chicago, supplementing recently relaunched operations to London and Frankfurt scheduled to continue until April 19, the airline said Monday
- Emirates SkyCargo has an updated route map and schedule highlighting new destinations and frequencies for both their Passenger Freighter (PF) and Full Freighter (FF) flights, view the update here. Emirates is to operate all of its cargo operations from Dubai International Airport after temporarily suspending operations at Al Maktoum airport from April 1. Emirates’ SkyCargo freighter aircraft are usually deployed from Al Maktoum.
- Etihad Airways Following its recent launch of passenger freighter flights to 10 destinations, complementing its Boeing 777 freighter operations, Etihad Cargo has announced five additional routes using Etihad Airways passenger aircraft to increase the flow of essential supplies into the United Arab Emirates and provide further east-west connectivity between major markets. Using belly hold capacity on a mix of Boeing 777 and 787 aircraft, Etihad Cargo is introducing services between Abu Dhabi and Melbourne, Chennai, Kerala, Karachi, and Amsterdam, in addition to passenger freighters already operating scheduled cargo-only flights to Seoul, Beijing, Bangkok, Singapore, Manila, Jakarta, Mumbai, Delhi, Bangalore and Riyadh. The UAE General Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) said specific flights were being granted permission so foreigners could leave the UAE but that the suspension on

regular passenger services, such as transit, remained in place. Etihad Airways to partially resume service on May 1.

- Etihad Airways Cargo has seen additional demand for its freight-only flights rise to an unprecedented 100 turnaround services a week and top the 500 mark. The UAE carrier is currently utilizing a mixture of 22 B787 Dreamliner's and B777-300ER passenger aircraft bellies and cabins to complement an operational fleet of five specialist B777-200F main-deck freighters. Urgent demand for cargo capacity means Etihad is now operating these services to 32 destinations across five continents and, since 25 March 2020, a total of approximately 500 special passenger, freighter and cargo flights have been operated
- EVA Air still flying into HKG/PVG/PEK at this moment. Freight service seems normal, but PAX flights have been reduced more than 50%.
- IAG Aer Lingus and British Airways had their last flight on March 17.
- KLM has decided to redeploy two Boeing 747 combi aircraft in order to meet coronavirus-related demand. The airline said that it had partnered with health-tech firm Royal Philips and the Dutch government to create a special cargo air bridge between the Netherlands and China Lufthansa
- Cargo will continue to roll out the use of passenger aircraft to carry freight over the coming weeks as it looks to meet customer demand (Air Cargo News April 9) KLM is operating freighters in to JNB again ex Amsterdam, 4 flights per week available semi close NL extended till April 28.
- KLM Royal Dutch Airlines with Royal Philips and the Dutch government to create a special cargo air bridge between the Netherlands and China which was launched on Monday 13th April. For the next six to eight weeks, KLM will specially redeploy Boeing 747 Combi equipment for the service between the Netherlands and China. This air bridge will ensure continuous availability of special cargo capacity, with two weekly flights to Beijing and three weekly flights to Shanghai. This will ensure around 250 tons of extra cargo capacity each way per week.
- Korean Air has started to use passenger aircraft to transport cargo on suspended passenger flights. Flight cancellations into mainland China, refer to their website for the most current updates. Was reported today they both carriers will also suspend all flight to and from Italy.
 - LATAM Cargo has cancelled scheduled freighter service flights ORD-VCP, which may include connections to SCL and EZE. Their last flight for this route will be on Sunday, March 29, until further notice. LATAM has modified its freighter itinerary. Capacity between Europe and South America was increased 20%, adding up to a total of six weekly frequencies, largely catering for the transportation of automotive spare parts, general cargo, and medicines to South America, as well as transportation of perishable products to Europe. LATAM Cargo has adjusted its international itinerary to strengthen its airfreight links between Latin America and Europe with the addition of a seventh weekly service utilizing one of its B767 freighters. As part of the new itinerary, LATAM Cargo will use Amsterdam as its main point of entry into Europe. LATAM's use of the European hub will benefit exporters of perishables from countries in Latin America, including Chile, Peru, Guatemala, and Brazil. LATAM Cargo's return route will originate in Frankfurt, Germany, and will enable cargo such as medical equipment and supplies, and electronics, to be exported from Frankfurt to Latin America.
- LATAM Airlines suspended all international flights until April 30.
- Lufthansa In an effort to protect their staff and customers and to help mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, Lufthansa Cargo will begin to take temperature readings of all warehouse and handling staff effective Tuesday April 14, 2020 at their JFK/ATL/DFW/IAH/ORD/LAX airport facilities. Furthermore, anyone entering the warehouse including truckers and other personnel will be subject to the temperature check. Should anyone exhibit a fever, they will not be permitted to enter the warehouse and will be turned away. LUFTHANSA Cargo is extra 35 weekly passenger aircraft, cargo-only flights from Germany and Austria to Asia and back got under way during Easter. Lufthansa is operating two daily flights from Frankfurt to Shanghai (PVG) and one daily service to Beijing (PEK) utilizing an A330-300 aircraft. A A350-900 will take off from Munich daily to Shanghai (PVG) and Beijing (PEK). (Air Cargo Eye, April 14) They will increase freighter capacity to China over the coming weeks as production lines resume operations. The move comes as freighter operators brace for a spike in demand from China as a result of passenger airlines cutting services due to low demand and factories slowly starting to come back online following an extended Chinese New Year break due to the coronavirus outbreak. From March 24, only 5% of the original passenger flight schedule will be flown. The remaining flights in the long-haul program are the following, operated three times a week from Frankfurt: Newark (EWR), Chicago (ORD), Montreal (YUL), Sao Paulo (GRU), Johannesburg

(JNB), Tokyo (TYO) und Bangkok (BKK). Lufthansa extends cuts until May 3.

- Norwegian Air Shuttle- One of the airlines that struggled prior to the outbreak of COVID-19, Norwegian Air Shuttle, was forced to close four subsidiary companies on April 20, 2020, as almost all of Norwegian's flight operations have been canceled. The Oslo-based airline had four subsidiary companies in Denmark and Sweden, where the low-cost carrier employed pilots and cabin crew members. Despite Norwegian's best efforts to reduce costs, the companies have all filed for bankruptcy on April 20, 2020. "The Board of these companies are left with no choice but to apply for bankruptcy," was outlined in the company's press release. The airline said its decision was, among other reasons, enforced by the "lack of significant financial support from the Swedish and Danish governments." The Norwegian government has guaranteed support for the airline if it met certain requirements. On March 24, 2020, the company fulfilled the initial requirements and received the first installment of \$27.4 million (NOK 300 million).
- Qatar Airways has cancelled some passenger flights however freighter is moving per schedule. Qatar Airways cargo has increased its freighter flight frequency to The Netherlands, from nine to 34 flights per week. The carrier is using Boeing 777 and 747 aircraft to operate 27 flights per week to Amsterdam and seven per week to Maastricht. Qatar Airways is one of few airlines continuing to maintain scheduled commercial passenger services and over the next two weeks expects to operate 1,800 flights. Qatar Airways decreases flight by more than 75%. Qatar Airways cargo has increased its freighter flight frequency to The Netherlands, from nine to 34 flights per week. The carrier is using Boeing 777 and 747 aircraft to operate 27 flights per week to Amsterdam — one of the biggest gateways in Europe and seven per week to Maastricht. Added air freight capacity to and from India with the utilization of passenger aircraft carrying freight-only from April in addition to the existing freighter service introduced April 1. Addition of 19-weekly belly load services increased the capacity from 2120 ton to 2535 ton. Also introduced freighter flights to and from Australia from April 2 to complement existing belly hold cargo services, adding 200 ton of main deck cargo capacity each week each way to bring combined weekly capacity to more than 550 tons. Twice weekly freighters will be operated to Melbourne and Perth with a tech stop in Singapore.
- TAP - Extends suspension of flights to and from North America through May 17th.
- Turkish Airlines canceled some passenger flights, please view their [site](#) for the updates. Stopping all passenger flight into JFK. Please note that, due to COVID-19, flights to some countries have been suspended. Starting March 27. All international flights except Chicago, Washington, Hong Kong, and Addis Ababa flights will be suspended until April 17. Suspending all flights to/from Italy. Turkish Airlines extends flight cancellations from April 17 to May 01. Suspends all domestic flights until April 20.
- United Airlines - United has a dedicated [web page for updates regarding COVID-19](#). Starting April 19, United Airlines will begin daily direct service to Beijing (PEK) from Chicago (ORD), San Francisco (SFO) and Washington Dulles (IAD). They are now operating more than 150 cargo-only flights per week between six of their U.S. hubs and 13 cities worldwide. Contact your Cargo Sales professional to inquire about or book this space.
- United Cargo In a letter from the President of United Cargo, Jan Krems, on April 9 she stated the following. "Cargo-only flights program continues to succeed and grow. Since we began using Boeing 777 and 787 aircraft from United's passenger fleet for this purpose, we have operated over 270 flights carrying more than 4.2 million kilos of cargo. What is behind these numbers is much more important: keeping the global supply chain moving and connecting people to the products they need during this crisis. Our flights are carrying vital medical supplies like test kits and personal protective equipment to healthcare professionals all over the world. We began cargo-only flights on March 19 with service between our U.S. hubs and key cities in Europe: AMS, FRA and LHR. Since then we have added BRU, HKG, PVG, SYD and TLV to our all-cargo flight network, and we expect to begin service to and from CTU, PEK and TPE later this week. As you can tell, expanding our cargo-only flights program is a top priority for our team. United continues to temporarily adjust our passenger flight schedules due to the drop in demand as a result of the pandemic, to keep our employees safe and help to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 outbreak in certain regions. To ensure you always have the most current flight data, United Cargo maintains a dedicated webpage listing all major COVID-19 schedule adjustments – including our cargo-only flights. This page is continually updated as new changes are made, and you can access it [here](#)."
- UPS Air Cargo As a result of dynamic demand to numerous world regions, effective immediately and until further notice, custom rates may not apply for loose or prebuilt shipments for any US-origin shipments destined to the United Arab Emirates. For rate information, please contact your Sales Representative. As a result of the

increased demand to China for UPS Air Cargo Shipments, effective immediately and until further notice, all US origin shipments that are destined to China including PVG, CAN, XMN, SZX, FOC, HKG) custom rates will not apply for loose or prebuilt shipments. For your rate, please contact your Sales Representative.

- Virgin Atlantic is still flying from LAX to LHR. International flights were cut due to COVID-19 outbreaks.

Charter Operations and Aircraft Availability

- Capacity is available for charters globally, contact us for current rates and availability.
- We have seen opportunities for part charters (20 tons and up) recently, but not seen regularly. If you have an opportunity send us the details and we can work on current, part charter capacity and pricing.
- Charter prices are based on current availability and that could change rapidly. Capacity and rates have been fluctuating a lot over the past few days.
- We must have a signed charter authorization from our client before we can sign the charter contract with the provider. Make sure you have someone standing by to sign agreements, capacity and rates change quickly.
- On all charters, funds must be received from our client prior to wheels up.

Ground Transportation Operations

United States

- There are now numerous areas / cities across the country requiring face coverings while outside. This is applicable as well to essential workers. Including statewide in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Maryland. Key cities or areas include, Dallas, San Antonio, San Francisco Bay Area, Miami and South Florida, Los Angeles, and San Diego.
- Covid-19 is forcing digitization into the trucking industry – signature capture, shipping documents and payment are back office operations that are being impacted.
- After a couple of weeks of imports on the west coast seeing an increase in volume, May is forecasted to see another significant drop in volume, approximately 20% below last year this time.
- At a White House event April 16, President Donald Trump thanked the truck drivers who are ensuring that essential goods make their way to their much-needed destinations, calling them the lifeblood of our economy.
- Contract rates for trucking services are seeing a small reduction this year with Spot rates now in line with contract rates.
- Capacity towards the end of the year is still a guess, but shippers worry about it tightening based on the slope of the recovery.
- US Ports are preparing for a spike in imports around Mid-May and are looking for new and alternative ways to store containers to shorten dwell time.
- New Trailer orders fell to 6500 for March 2020, a 54% reduction from February and a 55% reduction from March of 2019.
- The \$800 Billion Trucking Industry was left out of the \$2 Trillion stimulus bill.
- As US truck demand continues to slide, many trucking executives believe that “peak disruption” is nearing. There are mixed expectations on how fast the trucking market will recover. This could have an impact on available capacity towards the last half of the year.
- The Transportation Security Administration has granted a temporary exemption for the expiration of Transportation Worker Identification Credentials through July 31 for cards that expired after March 1. More fleets are reporting layoffs as they deal with the impact from the pandemic. At the end of March only 15% of fleets had reported layoffs, that has jumped to 24% as of the end of last week.
- Current rate declines are forcing smaller fleets to park their units.
- Fleets are also reporting that a portion of their drivers are choosing to stay home currently
- Dry Van spot freight volumes lost 20% in the past two weeks, and national average rates lost 8¢ per mile
- Drivers continue to face a myriad of protocols at shipping and receiving locations; with a litany of requirements creating delays and impacting utilization
- Utah exempts truckers from travel declaration
- Demand and rates for Dry Van truckloads are sliding
- Shipment and Volume counts at LTL carriers are dropping

- FTL Networks are facing balance issues with change in freight patterns, this coupled with increase in empty miles and slower loading and unloading times is increasing cost per mile
- Imports into US Ports hit a 5 year low in March which results in fewer truckloads from the port to haul
- April is forecasted to be a lean shipping month, volumes could be down as much as 25%-30%, with a wide range of outcomes based on sector
- The Owner Operator Independent Driver Association (OOIDA) is lobbying the federal government for truck drivers to have access to testing and to establish a countrywide program so that drivers can quarantine at nearby motels.

Europe

- Germany - Coronavirus is delaying implementation of the e-highway pilot on the A5 motorway in the state of Hesse. This follows engineer shortage at Scania, who are the manufacturer for the pantographic e-truck test model, and repair work on the e-autobahn section of the A5 being postponed due to road works being prioritized elsewhere.
- European Logistics Association (ELA) – Following a surge of demand at the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis, the major road transport trade associations expect a short term drop of between 25% to 30% in the activity compared with the usual levels expected at this time of year, which is both due to the drop of demand and the difficulties experienced by international transporters as a result of imposed borders controls that have been introduced to mitigate the virus spread and additional health checks that are generating queues of several kilometers.
- Ferry operators have called on the UK government for financial aid as the industry furloughs staff and suspends passenger services across Europe. Stena Line will furlough 600 staff and make 150 redundant in the UK and Ireland. Freight transport is keeping some ferry companies afloat, but they warn it will not be enough to make up the shortfall (Lloyds List, April 6)

Updates by Country/Territory

- Africa cancelled all African airlines scheduled flights to China except for Ethiopian Airlines.
- Argentina – Quarantine period extended until April 27 in major cities. Banned international passenger flights from COVID-19 affected countries including all of Europe, United States, South Korea, Japan, China and Iran, the decree will be in place for 30 days.
- Australia – Intends to maintain restrictions for at least 4 more weeks. State of Western Australia to introduced hard border closures April 6.
- Austria - will deny entry to people arriving from Italy.
- Bangladesh – The Civil Aviation Authority stated flights are suspended until April 7. Extended commercial flight suspensions to Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Turkey, Malaysia, Oman, Singapore, and India until April 15. Flights will continue to/from China, Hong Kong, Thailand, and UK.
- Belgium – lockdown extended until May 3. There will be no direct commercial air service from Belgium to the United States until at least late April.
- Brazil: São Paulo State extend the quarantine in the state for 15days more and now only essential business will remain open till April 22. Country will bar entry of any non-resident nationals for 30 days.
- Bulgaria - Banned entry on its territory of citizens from 15 countries with large coronavirus outbreaks, including Germany, France, Italy, Spain, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and Switzerland beginning March 18.
- Cameroon - Air, land and sea borders closed as of 18 March. All passenger flights from abroad will be suspended except for cargo flights & ships.
- Canada and U.S. closed borders March 18 to non-essential travel, it does not include trade. While transport is essential and moving through US/Canada borders / limited impact to rail and ports. All Provinces have now declared a state of emergency and imposed lockdowns for all but essential service. Land & Air Border is closed to all foreign visitors while the government and airlines finish up repatriation efforts. The only airports open to international flights are: YUL, YYZ, YYC and YVR. Truck Driver hours of service limits have been “lifted” in Canada for drivers who are engaged in Coronavirus- related relief assistance efforts. Windsor International Airport, Ontario, closed to public from 3-30 April because of COVID-19; flights suspended from April 2.
- Cayman Islands – Owens International Airport and Charles Kirkconnell International Airport will be closed March 22 – April 12.
- China – Country suspended foreign nationals with valid Chinese Visas and residence. Government of China released

a new policy March 26 that effective immediately every airline can only operate one flight per week to one country. Wuhan Tianhe airport to partially reopen on April 8. Government of China released a new policy March 26 that effective immediately every airline can only operate one flight/per week to one country and the only airline move into Canada is MU (China Eastern Airlines). Wuhan aims to fully resume flight, rail, and freight operations by the end of April.

- Colombia: On March 20, President Ivan Duque announced that, starting on the night of March 24, the country will begin a 19-day nationwide quarantine. Inbound international commercial flights are suspended starting March 23 for 30 days.
- Croatia - Government imposing a 14-day quarantine upon truck drivers returning from Italy, many Croatian drivers are now choosing to remain in their own country, which is having a detrimental effect on haulage in Italy due to the reliance the country has on foreign drivers and adding to the skill shortage within the haulage sector, this is especially felt in the North East region of Italy.
- Czech Republic - Country extends lockdown measures for another 10 days to April 11. The Czech Republic has decided to extend land border controls with Austria and Germany and air border controls which were set to expire on April 4, for another 20 days, as it estimates they are vital to combat the novel coronavirus crisis.
- Cyprus – Government bans flights from 28 countries from March 28.
- Denmark – Nationwide lockdown will continue until April 13. All air traffic from areas hit hard by COVID- 19 are suspended.
- El Salvador - San Salvador International Airport to close for passengers for at least 2 weeks.
- European Union – Non-EU residents are not allowed to enter the region for the next 30 days unless they are long term residents of the EU, family members of EU nationals, diplomats, or essentials workers like doctors, nurses, and researchers.
- France – Paris Orly airport to close from March 31, Paris CDG has also temporarily closed two terminals. Lockdown to continue until May 11. The period following May 11 would see a gradual easing of restrictions.
- Germany – Government extended lockdown until May 3. Germany's coronavirus infection curve could have now flattened, according to the country's public health chief, as cases across elsewhere in Europe and the US continue to surge.
- Greece - Country to suspend all passenger flights.
- Guyana – Closes all international airports for two weeks beginning March 18.
- Hong Kong – Government closes airports to foreign arrivals indefinitely.
- Hungary – Prime Minister prolongs nationwide lockdown indefinitely.
- Iberia – Ceased all flights March 13 until further notice.
- India – Currently there is an estimated 5 million kilos sitting in Mumbai with cargo flights continuing to add to the backlog both not cleared and unclaimed due to lack of staffing both with customs and operational staff due to Covid-19. The priority is being given to essential freight only i.e. PPE medicine things of that nature. We are looking and have a solution using an alternate airport in India until the backlog has been cleared. India is extending their lockdown to May 3, few areas of states which are under control may get relaxation by April 20. All international flights are also suspended up to May 3 except cargo flights and special approved flights by DGCS. Government to issue a trade notice by tomorrow on how and which trade will function during this time. Domestic and International flights to remain grounded until May 3.
- Indonesia - Foreign visitors wishing to enter Indonesia must obtain a visa from Indonesian missions in accordance with the purpose of their visit and applicants must provide a health certificate issued by a relevant health authority from their respective countries. Indonesia will suspend its visa exemption policy for all countries for one month and expand restrictions for people with a history of travel to some of the world's countries hardest hit by the coronavirus. The suspension includes short-stay visits, visa-on-arrival, and diplomatic visa-free facilities.
- Italy – Lockdown extended until May 03. The Italian Government issued a new decree. The measure calls for the cessation of all industrial or commercial production activities, except for essential products and service that are critical to the functioning of the nation. While health officials are becoming increasingly optimistic over the gradual decline in new case numbers, Premier Giuseppe Conte announced much stiffer fines for violators of the national lockdown restrictions. At a Cabinet meeting the government set fines for violators from €400 to €3,000 euros.
- Iraq – Suspension of all commercial flights to/from until March 28.

- Ireland – Government extends lockdown until May 05. All essential businesses are continuing to operate which includes transportation and supply chain services. Cork Airport joins Dublin Airport & reduces operations.
- Japan – Prime Minister declares state of emergency until May 6 in Tokyo and other areas.
- Kazakhstan - Bans entry to travelers from France, Germany, Italy, and Spain.
- Kuwait - announced a public holiday in the country from March 12-26, with work resuming on March 29, companies providing vital services would remain open.
- Lebanon – Government extends lockdown until April 26.
- Liberia – President declares state of emergency, quarantine for three weeks beginning April 10.
- Mali - Authorities suspend flights from countries affected by COVID-19.
- Malta- Country to cease all incoming passenger flights from 21 March & only allow cargo, humanitarian, and repatriation flights to land to stop the spread of COVID-19.
- Malaysia - The movement of non-essential goods is now prohibited for delivery out of both airport and seaport, extended until April 28. All airports and seaports are still functional as usual except for priority is given to ESSENTIAL GOODS. This is until further notice. The essential goods are: Food and Beverages, Agriculture and Fisheries including those imported, Household Products, Personal Protective Equipment, Pharmaceuticals, Printing Material, Medical and Surgical Devices and Parts, Oil and Gas, petrol Related Chemicals, Chemical Materials (Steel and Poison), and Electricals including semi- conductors. All international flights into Penang to be cancelled
- Mexico - Closed borders with U.S. to non-essential travel, it does not include trade. Government tightens rules on gatherings and declares health emergency until April 30.
- Myanmar - The Myanmar Government temporarily suspends issuance of Visa on Arrival (VOA) and e- visa for all countries until April 30. Effective March 25 all foreign nationals traveling to Myanmar are required to present laboratory evidence of absence of covid-19 infection issued no more than 72 hours to date of travel before boarding any flight to Myanmar. They will be subject to a 14-day facility quarantine on their arrival into Myanmar. Myanmar closed borders with Bangladesh, China, India, Thailand, and Laos.
- Netherlands – Government prohibits non-EU travelers from entering the country. The Dutch government has approved the transfer of the large number of cancelled passenger flights at Schiphol due to the corona virus to carriers with unlimited speed and speed. The measure will take effect immediately and will certainly apply until 6 June this year, the independent slot coordinator at Schiphol (ACNL) reports Monday afternoon. The scheme is intended to ensure that enough ad hoc capacity for cargo flights at the airport remains available, as almost 50% of the cargo capacity at Schiphol has disappeared due to the scrapping of passenger flights.
- New Zealand – Country closes borders to all foreign nationals.
- Nigeria - Country bans entry of travelers from 13 countries; China, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, UK & US.
- Philippines - Temporarily suspending the acceptance of export air forwarding, import air breakbulk/forwarding and customs brokerage services requirements in Manila, starting March 24, due to a shut down.
- Poland – Country extends border closures, transport ban and lockdown.
- Portugal - Government closes all airports to commercial flights from 09 - 13 April to halt spread of COVID-19 during holiday period.
- Qatar - Government extends suspension of inbound flights except transit and cargo. The Gulf state also extended a lockdown of an industrial area in Doha where authorities reported dozens of cases of the disease.
- Romania - Flights decreased by more than 80% & trains by 20%.
- Russia – Government to ground all international flights from March 27. Government temporarily suspends all flights to and from Russia from April 4, including those repatriating residents.
- Saudi Arabia - Government halts domestic flights & trains until April 2. Government will be temporarily suspending all passenger flights from the United States to The Kingdom. Effective 16 March all passenger flights from LAX, IAD and JFK will be suspended for the next 15 days. They will continue to operate the weekly SV902 freighter from JFK to JED. There is also a possibility that they may operate additional charters. Lockdown has been enforced on the capital Riyadh and the holy cities of Makkah and Madinah to stem the spread of the novel coronavirus. Customs continues to face delays in clearance.
- Serbia - Closed its borders for travelers from other countries affected by COVID-19.
- Singapore – Has announced a closure of all non-essential businesses from April 7- May 4. Changi Airport to suspend

- operation of terminal 2 for 18 months.
- South Africa – Lockdown extended until April 30.
- Spain – Under lockdown. Extension confirmed until April 13. Government to extend state of emergency until April 26.
- Sweden – All commercial flights between countries to be cancelled until April 13.
- Switzerland - Switzerland includes Spain in entry restrictions. This also applies with immediate effect to air traffic from Austria, France, Germany, and Italy.
- Thailand - Authorities have closed their borders except for the Malaysian border. Border open for goods on four crossing points. Foreigners will be banned from entering the country under the emergency decree being invoked to combat at the coronavirus pandemic. The emergency decree went into effect on March 26 and remains in force through April 30. The decree bans all foreigners from entry at all entry points - the exceptions being shippers, diplomats, drivers, pilots, and others permitted by Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha. Phuket airport to close from April 10 until at least April 30. Land & Sea borders are closed. Aviation authority extends ban of all international flights until April 18.
- UAE - Suspends all flights into and from Abu Dhabi. Dubai's Expo 2020 to be postponed. The six-month multibillion-dollar trade fair that organizers had hoped would attract 25 million visitors will not go ahead as scheduled in October. Dubai was pinning many of its economic forecasts on the trade it was expected to generate. Continue closure of commercial establishments until April 18.
- Ukraine – Country completely closes state borders and blocks all passenger traffic.
- United Kingdom – Has extended their country lock down for another 3 weeks, announced April 16. Warehouses remain fully functional. Haulage – services have been cut back to reduce risk to drivers, therefore next day deliveries can no longer be guaranteed, LHR haulers only offering either dedicated deliveries or 2 to 3-day service. All shipping personnel qualify as key workers. London City airport to close until further notice. London Heathrow Airport to close one of its runways from 06 April due to reduction in flights. Lockdown measures extended for three weeks.
- United States – CDC extends no sail order for all cruise ships. Miami airport is open. U.S./Mexico border and U.S./Canada border closed to all non-essential travel, trade and commerce is exempted from the ban. U.S. suspended travel to the U.S. from Europe's Schengen Area for non-U.S. citizens and legal residents. Any US citizen or lawful U.S. permanent resident returning to the U.S. who has traveled to any of the EU Schengen Area States within the previous 14 days can only re-enter the US through one of the approved airports, foreign nationals having been within this area in the last 14 days will be unable to travel to the US. Approved airports are as follows; ATL, DFW, DTW, EWR, HNL, JFK, LAX ORD, SEA, SFO, IAD. New York's lockdown extended until May 15
- Venezuela – Customs Authority offices are slowing down their operations. Currently they work until 2pm average. All orders are being processed under regular terms if proper documentation is provided accordingly. Main airports in Caracas, Valencia and Barcelona are operative. Operation restricted until 2pm average everyday only for CAO. PAX not accepted. Ocean ports operating normally. There is commodity restriction for inland distribution: industrial products, raw materials, and first basic needs (foods and medicines) are allowed. Truck appointments at port are required with 1 day in advance. There are difficulties to provide same day pick up. There is gas shortage currently limiting equipment availability for internal transportation. Refineries stopped. General quarantine extended to April 30.
- Vietnam - All foreigners denied entry, (no crew change) still no guidance on whether the ban will extend after the 30 days (April 18). As of March 25, all non-essential business have been closed. Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc has ordered the suspension of all international flights to Vietnam amidst restricted entry into the country by air, road, and sea.
- Zimbabwe - Government bans local and international travel as it declares national disaster.

Land Borders

- The UK government are expected to offer aid packages to ferry operators to ensure that they can maintain services as freight demand drops along with the loss of passenger travel. Freight routes between Europe and United Kingdom and Ireland are a critical supply chain link and facilitate the supply of medical supplies. Last month Ireland allocated €15m (£13m) to buy capacity on various routes to ensure ferry operators stay open.

- European road freight could contract 17% in 2020 The COVID-19 crisis gripping Europe could erase nearly one-fifth of the value of the region's road freight market in 2020 in a worst-case scenario, new research from Ti reveals, and a contraction of 4.8% 'now looks like a best-case scenario'
- EU goods which are subject to Russian sanctions can now be transported from Europe to China by rail using electronic seals during transit through Russia.
- European road freight giant Waberer's struggles with Covid-19 cutbacks. Facing falling demand, Hungarian group introduces 'special' measures, which include taking a "significant portion" of its truck fleet out of service with immediate effect, in "order to preserve the short-term financial stability of the company". The company has around 4,300 HGVs and employs more than 8,000 staff.

European Union

- Issues guidelines to all member states on "green lanes". Four objectives to make real progress on EU roads. Even with these guidelines in place, the wait time is substantially high.
- Crossing the border to take a maximum of 15 minutes
- Green lanes must be open to vehicles carrying any type of goods
- Governments must suspend restrictions
- Less paperwork for transport workers
- Sixfold have a free application that maps out European borders with live information on crossing times <https://covid-19.sixfold.com/>
- The border crossing linking Bahrain and Saudi Arabia has been closed by the Bahraini authorities as of March 25. The anticipated reopening date is unknown currently; however, cargo is still moving across the causeway and this goes to all borders with Saudi including airport.

EU Summary

- German Bavaria Borders to Austria – filtering system in place to separate cars for checks with goods vehicles being waved through, smaller delivery vehicles are being checked for passengers.
- German Rhineland-Palatinate and Saarland border into France – experiencing considerable waiting times, mainly due to the lack of infrastructure
- German Baden-Wuerttemberg into France – paper checks are normally conducted; however, the additional controls are having a massive impact on traffic flows with reported long delays of up to 3 hours.
- Austria Brenner into Italy – backlog of around 80 kilometers of traffic passing into Austria
- Poland - Czech Republic borders becoming completely blocked as checks are conducted
- France – all internal and external borders have controls in place that began March 17 to prevent entry to non-resident travelers, this includes all Schengen borders.
- Generally, as infrastructure is reintroduced, countries have been instructed to implement filtering systems to avoid delays with international freight.
- EU leaders plan to close external borders for 30 days to prevent spread of virus but establish fast-track lanes at their countries' frontiers to keep goods moving
- Finland - Border restrictions imposed. Passenger train service with Russia set to end. Goods and cargo transports will continue across all borders.

Not part of the Schengen Area

- Moldova has closed Chisinau Airport and land borders with Romania and Ukraine
- Austria - Austrian chancellor Sebastian Kurz announced plans to limit movement nationwide. He said people should go out "only alone or with the people who live in their apartment." Poland and Lithuania are also shutting their borders