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Dear Clients, Partners and Friends,  
US Door Deliveries becoming a Big Challenge!

Current shortage of truckers and congested terminals have led to significant issues and cost increase for expense of the cargo.

That are extensive detention/ demurrage, terminal storage , chassis rental and layover fees due to delayed pick-ups and deliveries.

The reasons are multiple:

► For past few weeks the US trucking industry is facing an increasing shortage of qualified drivers.

► Resulting from new regulations requiring commercial trucks equipped with electronic logging devices also the operational charges have increased considerably.

► Increasing cargo volumes have led to growing congestion of US port terminals and rail terminals

► Seasonal influences e.g. winter weather in main regions of the US with ports and terminals partly closed.

Below areas are especially difficult currently:

- Chicago
- Cleveland
- Norfolk
- Charleston
- Savannah
- Houston
- Memphis

As a consequence some carriers suspended door delivery service. Others will continue at higher cost level and limited service.

Due to a.m. factors transport bookings shall be secured within reasonable advance time and if need be door deliveries switch to merchant haulage to keep the additional charges at an acceptable level.

Thank you for your attention.  
Yours sincerely,  
M.G. International Logistics GmbH

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