

'The Force'



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From My desk



Dear FORCE Family,

Good day! Further to my last message few weeks ago, just wanted to check that all of you and your families are doing well. Glad to note that the situation in most countries is improving and life is inching back to the new normalcy.

We hope and pray that all of you, your colleagues and their families are safe which is of paramount importance.

Of course we cannot be complacent and let down all our guards and must continue to take all precautions for some time to come. As the saying goes "NON OF US ARE SAFE UNTILL ALL OF US ARE SAFE". Keeping our community healthy and safe is of paramount importance whilst maintaining business continuity too.

Let us hope and pray that the Covid 19 Virus can be eradicated from the world very soon so our lives will return to normalcy.

Meanwhile I strongly request that you keep in touch with all the members and give them priority for any of your inquiries. Let us Live up to this Challenge and a Family.

Warm Regards,
Rohitha – FORCE Admin desk

LATEST NEWS / DEVELOPMENTS IN THE WORLD



THE CORONAVIRUS AND FREIGHT FORWARDING

This briefing considers the potential impact on ocean freight and supply chain management activities of freight forwarders and logistics operators should steps to curtail the spread of corona virus continue to disrupt the movement of goods. While key concerns will distil to delays and potentially cargo deterioration, the following provides some guidance on the potential risks to freight operators and how to mitigate them.

Ocean container supply chains include physical, clerical and data entry processes, many of which involve people congregating and interacting in large concentrations.

Read More >>> <https://www.hfw.com/The-coronavirus-and-freight-forwarding-March-2020>



The Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic on Shipping



The Covid-19 pandemic still rages unabated in April 2020, affecting lives, businesses, individuals and industries in ways that will change the world forever. The International Labor Organization predicts that as many as 25 million jobs worldwide could be wiped out by a worldwide recession brought about by the pandemic.

In many countries, governments imposed “lockdown” to restrict the movements of its citizens and to control the rapid spread of the pandemic. The lockdown was implemented throughout the countries in Southeast Asia in stages:

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<https://www.maritime-executive.com/editorials/the-impact-of-the-covid-19-pandemic-on-shipping>

Coronavirus impact on US imports



The impact of COVID-19 at major US retail container ports appears to be easing slightly, with projected imports remaining below last year's levels but not as much as previously forecast, according to a new report issued by the National Retail Federation (NRF) and Hackett Associates.

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<https://www.offshore-energy.biz/coronavirus-impact-on-us-imports-easing-nrf-says/>

COVID-19 set to erase up to 7.5% from global freight forwarding market value, new research from Ti concludes



The impact of Covid-19 has amplified pre-existing troubles in freight forwarding. Ti's latest research reveals the global freight forwarding market could contract by 7.5% in 2020 as a result of the crisis. With the global market having limped to a contraction of 1.7% in 2019, Ti now projects second consecutive year of negative growth.

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<https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/covid-19-set-to-erase-up-to-7-5-from-global-freight-forwarding-market-value-new-research-from-ti-concludes/>

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