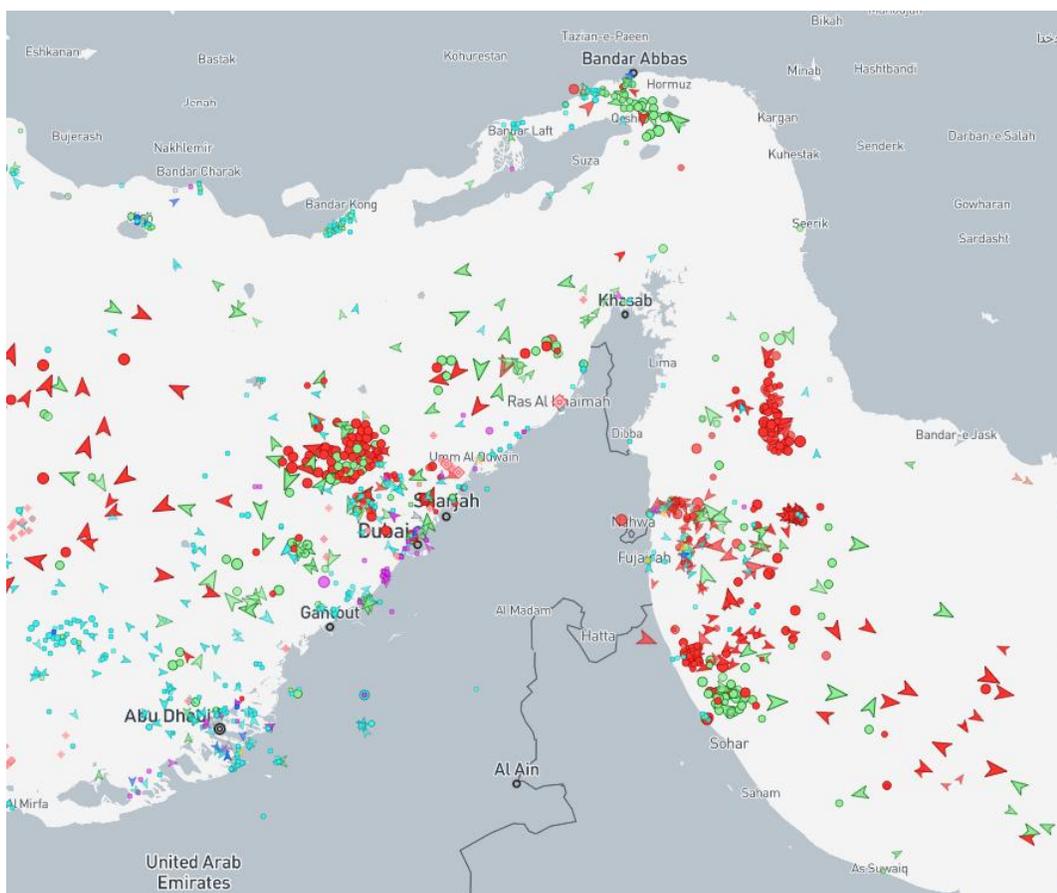


Subject: Ongoing Situation in the UAE, Our Commitment to Safety and Support

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To all key clients, suppliers and partners

We would like to share a detailed update on the current logistics environment in the United Arab Emirates. Due to ongoing regional airspace restrictions and heightened security measures, air freight operations are facing significant disruption. These developments are expected to create secondary impacts across sea freight and cross-border road movements as cargo volumes shift to alternative modes and routes.



## Air Freight Status

Airspace conditions are significantly more degraded: Airspaces in Syria, Iraq, Qatar, Kuwait, and Bahrain are closed; and Saudi airports remain open but with Gulf-facing airspace restrictions. The UAE airports and airspace operate under limited conditions.

Country	Airspace	Airport	City	Operating Status
Bahrain	Closed	Bahrain International Airport (BAH)	Manama	Closed
Saudi Arabia	Open	King Abdulaziz International Airport (JED)	Jeddah	Airspace bordering Iran and the Persian Gulf is closed
		King Khalid International Airport (RUH)	Riyadh	
		King Fahd International Airport (DMM)	Dammam	
		Prince Mohammad bin Abdulaziz International Airport (MED)	Medina	
Iraq	Closed	Baghdad International (BGW)	Baghdad	Closed
		Erbil International (EBL)	Erbil	
Oman	Open	Muscat International Airport (MCT)	Muscat	Limited operations Open with operational delays
		Salalah International Airport (SLL)	Salalah	
		Sohar International Airport (OHS)	Sohar	
Qatar	Closed	Hamad International Airport (DOH)	Doha	Closed
UAE	Open	Dubai International Airport (DXB)	Dubai	Limited operations
		Abu Dhabi Zayed International Airport (AUH)	Abu Dhabi	
Kuwait	Closed	Kuwait International Airport (KWI)	Kuwait	Closed
Turkey	Open	Istanbul Airport (IST)	Istanbul	Major disruptions to civilian flights

- Dubai International Airport (DXB), Al Maktoum International Airport (DWC), and Sharjah International Airport (SHJ) have suspended Export operations.
- Emirates have deployed freighters from Europe and US into DWC Airport. Premium charges applied for Standard as well as AXA booking. Priority for perishable and essential cargo.
- EK Special Freighter from Frankfurt to DWC has been announced and our partners have managed to secure booking for urgent shipments
- Ground Import terminals of dnata and Emirates SkyCargo (EK GHA) have began their operations and shipments arrived in the airports can be cleared.

- All Etihad Airways' scheduled commercial flights to and from Abu Dhabi remain suspended until 14:00 UAE time on Thursday 5 March.
- Some repositioning, cargo and repatriation flights may operate in coordination with UAE authorities and subject to strict operational and safety approvals.

In light of the current regional situation, they are issuing the following operational update regarding cargo transit options via Oman. Oman remains operational and continues to provide a viable alternative routing solution for both air and sea freight movements.

### Airspace & Connectivity

Oman airspace remains fully open, with inbound and outbound flights operating to:

- Asia
- Europe
- Saudi Arabia and wider GCC
- Africa

Some airlines are operating narrow-body aircraft, which may create size and payload limitations. However, airfreight remains a practical and functioning transit option.

### Customs & Transit Formalities

- Transit clearance ex Muscat Airport: Within 2 working days
- Customs security deposit currently required (refundable; typically reclaimed within a few months)
- Oman Customs reviewing the deposit mechanism to improve transit efficiency
- Discussions ongoing regarding bonded, sealed trucks to the UAE without security deposit or bank guarantee

Transit Time: Muscat to Jebel Ali – Approximately 1 day (subject to border congestion).

## SEA FREIGHT STATUS

Our partners are exploring options via Oman, KSA, Turkey and Egypt, where Oman is the least risk.

### Operational Omani Ports

- Salalah Port
- Sohar Port
- Duqm Port (operational sensitivities apply)

Ocean carriers may divert vessels to Omani ports where berth space and handling capacity permit.

### Customs & Port Handling

- Transit clearance ex Sohar/Salalah: Currently 2 working days (may increase with demand)
- Container unstuffing/transshipment: Approximately 2 days (subject to availability)
- Salalah to Jebel Ali: 2–3 days trucking (subject to border congestion)
- Sohar to Jebel Ali: 1–2 days trucking (subject to border congestion)

## RISK ALERT & OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

The primary operational risk is rapidly increasing congestion at border crossings, airports, and seaports. This is further compounded by adjusted working hours during Ramadan and increased cargo diversion volumes.

### Critical Commercial Considerations

- Confirm port of termination for shipments currently in transit
- Clarify whether vessels will add Omani port calls
- Agree container release conditions upon UAE arrival
- Confirm whether empty containers must be returned to the discharge port in Oman

These commercial terms should be clarified in advance to avoid delays, unexpected costs, or storage liabilities.

## RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- Confirm routing strategy early with carriers

- Secure written agreement on port of discharge and container return terms
- Factor potential congestion delays into delivery planning
- Engage early for customs transit structuring and deposit management

We continue to monitor developments daily and will issue further updates as conditions evolve. We are actively coordinating contingency plans with our overseas partners to minimize disruption and identify alternate gateways where feasible. Maritime routes remain open but heavily constrained, with the Strait of Hormuz effectively closed following IRGC statements warning that any vessel attempting passage would be attacked.

Sea Route	Operating Status	Port Country	Major Ports Along Route	Port Status	Notes
Straits of Hormuz	Closed	Oman	Khasab Sohar	Open Open	Operational but impacted Operational
		UAE	Fujairah Khor Fakkan Jebel Ali	Open Open Open	Operational but impacted by route disruption Operational (resumed after brief suspension)
Suez Corridor	Open	Egypt	Port Said	Open	Operational with minor delays
			Port Fouad	Open	Operational with minor delays
			Port Ismailia	Open	Operational with minor delays
Red Sea & Gulf of Aden	Partly Open		Port of Suez (Port Tawfiq)	Open	Operational with Red Sea routing risk
		Port Sokhna (Ain Sokhna)	Open	Operational	
		Safaga Port	Open	Operational	
		Hurghada Port	Open	Operational	
		Saudi Arabia	Jeddah Islamic Port	Open	Operational; elevated regional risk
			King Abdullah Port (KAEC)	Open	Operational
			Yanbu Commercial Port	Open	Operational
			Jazan Port	Open	Operational
<b>Eastern Mediterranean</b>	Open	Egypt	Port of Alexandria	Open	Operational
			Port of Damietta	Open	Operational
Port Said	Open		Operational		
El Dekheila Port	Open		Operational		
		Turkey	Port of Mersin	Open	Operational
			Port of Iskenderun	Open	Operational

**Jebel Ali Port** – resumed Operations on 02nd Mar PM Hrs., Port and customs online clearance systems remain stable.

While sea freight operations continue, some delays may occur due to spillover congestion from air freight diversions and precautionary security measures.

**Strait of Hormuz:** With the closure of the Strait of Hormuz, alternate port operations would be Khor Fakkan Port / Fujairah Port in UAE, Sohar Port in Oman, King Abdullah Port & Jeddah Port in Saudi. Trucking from alternate ports.

Carriers have suspended all vessel crossings in the Strait of Hormuz and Vessels will be rerouted or schedule adjustments resulting in delays, further updates to follow. Bookings to Middle east from worldwide region is currently suspended by MSC.

#### Transit Time from Alternate Ports:

- Khor Fakkan Port / Fujairah Port to Jebel Ali : 1 day
- Sohar to UAE: 2 to 3 days
- Kind Abdullah Port / Jeddah Port to UAE: 5 to 6 Days

CMA GGM and MSC have announced the rerouting of several vessels, with discharge now planned at Khor Fakkan Port. Based on the revised Port of Discharge, the onward shipment plan will be as follows:

Option 1: The carrier will arrange trucking of the container from Khor Fakkan Port to Jebel Ali Port.

Option 2: The client will arrange customs clearance at Khor Fakkan Port.

#### Carrier Updates:

CMA CGM / Hapag Lloyd / MSC: continues to have their operations suspended through the Strait of Hormuz and alternate routing options are yet to be disclosed.

CMA CGM Emergency Conflict Surcharge details: Emergency Surcharge implemented by carriers, USD 2,000 per 20' Dry Container | USD 3,000 per 40' Dry Container and USD 4,000 per Special Equipment.

## Road Freight Status:

Country	Border Crossing	Border Status	Opening Hours
Saudi Arabia - Qatar	Abu Samra / Salwa	Open	Open 24/7
Saudi Arabia - Bahrain	King Fahd Causeway	Open	Open 24/7
Saudi Arabia - UAE	Al Batha / Al Ghuwaifat	Open	Open 24/7
Saudi Arabia - Oman	Al-Rub Al-Khali (Empty Quarter)	Open	Open with operational delays
Saudi Arabia - Kuwait	Al-Khafji & Salmi land port	Open	Open 24/7
UAE - Oman	Hatta / Al Wajajah	Open	Open 08:00 to 20:00
UAE - Oman	Khatmat Malaha	Open	Open with operational delays
UAE - Oman	Al Ain (Mazyad) / Hafit	Open	Open with operational delays
UAE - Oman	Al Dara Border Crossing	Open	Open with operational delays

Road freight operations remain active across the UAE and GCC. However, the following challenges are anticipated:

- Possible customs and border clearance delays
- Rate escalation due to increased demand
- Corridor sensitivity depending on regional developments
- Greater reliance on contingency routing plans
- Jebel Ali Customs inspections may experience delays due to heightened security protocols
- GCC land borders may see congestion owing to increased truck movement

## Our Action Plan

- Monitoring airline and port advisories in real time with the help of our partners
- Securing alternate routes where possible
- Coordinating closely with carriers and overseas partners
- Providing shipment-specific updates proactively

We strongly recommend reviewing urgent and time-sensitive shipments with our team to assess alternative routing options.

While we continue to manage operational impacts, our foremost priority remains the safety and wellbeing of our people, partners and clients. We sincerely hope that you, your teams, and your families in Dubai and across the UAE are remaining safe during this challenging period.

We will continue to keep you informed as the situation evolves. Please do not hesitate to contact us for shipment-specific clarification or planning support.

Thank you for your continued trust and cooperation.

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