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Container Shipping Lines to avoid Suez Canal due to attacks in the Red Sea

Dear Valued Customer,

Vessels of Hapag Lloyd and MSC were hit by missiles in the Red Sea last Friday and Saturday. Furthermore, a ship of Maersk was attacked as well. The assaults were executed by Houthis militants in Yemen.

Due to the attacks the shipping lines Hapag Lloyd, Maersk, MSC and CMA-CGM have stopped sending vessels through the Bab al-Mandab Strait until further notice. As a consequence, their container ships will avoid the Suez Canal and therefore ships will be re-routed via the Cape of Good Hope.

The longer route via the Cape of Good Hope will impact the transit times to and from Asia. Shipping Lines already indicated the application of surcharges.

We understand the potential impact this situation might have on your supply chains and assure you that we are actively monitoring the developments. Our teams are dedicated to minimizing disruptions and ensuring the continuity of your shipments to the best of our abilities.

We will keep you informed with timely updates as we navigate through these challenging circumstances together.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with your known contact person in the Leschaco Group.

Kind regards

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