



COSCO SHIPPING Lines Announces:

- Virginia Port Authority's VIG Terminal in Norfolk, VA Update

(Details for All Listed Below)

March 2, 2018

Dear Valued Customer,

In an effort to keep you informed of delays that your shipments may encounter, please note the below information regarding a situation currently being experienced at the Port of Virginia VIG Terminal (Virginia International Gateway) in Norfolk.

VIG is experiencing delays due to construction which is expected to last through May 2018. These delays have impacted the berthing of our ships, delays at the terminal after berth and delays in gate/truck activity.

The Port of Virginia is also experiencing Severe Weather which has also caused further delays with the terminal. We received the below Severe Weather Advisory from the Virginia International Terminal.

Port of Virginia – Severe Weather Advisory

- NWS forecast predicts gale force winds (34kn+) starting late last night and will likely turn to storm force winds (48kn+) Friday morning and last through the day. Gale force winds could last through Saturday night/Sunday morning, and winds exceeding 20kn could last into Monday.

- USCG has closed the channel to vessel traffic from 03:00/2nd to 12:00/3rd, at which time the forecast will be reevaluated.
- Port of Virginia procedure requires that any wind gust exceeding 50mph warrants a STS crane work stoppage of 10 minutes without another recorded gust exceeding 50mph.
- Per ULCV Business rules, ULCV restricted vessels will not dock or sail with winds over 20kn-25kn (depending on direction and pilot's discretion), which we expect through Sunday and possibly into Monday morning.
- Based on this severe Weather and USCG channel closure – this may impact vessel schedules/berth windows over the weekend for the Port of Virginia.

The U.S. Coast Guard has issued the following:

Inclement Winter Weather Advisory

Sector Hampton Roads Port Entrance Closure and Restrictions

Due to the forecasts of storm force winds and heavy seas at the entrance to Chesapeake Bay, the Captain of the Port (COTP) Hampton Roads will be imposing the following restrictions: effective at 3 a.m. Friday, March 2, 2018, no vessels may enter or depart from the Chesapeake Bay, and no vessels over 2,000 gross tons may move within the port without obtaining permission from the COTP or his designated representative. These restrictions are anticipated to last until approximately 12 p.m. on Saturday, March 3, 2018, but are subject to adjustment based on conditions.

Vessels under 2,000 gross tons will be permitted to move within the port, but should do so with extreme caution. If a vessel or vessel representative believes there are circumstances that require a vessel to arrive or depart during the time of this restriction, they may request an exception from the COTP. To reach the COTP to obtain permission to transit during the restrictions, contact the Sector Hampton Roads Command Center at (757) 638-6637.

PRECAUTIONS: It is primarily the facility operator's decision to allow vessels to remain moored during the storm. Facilities that do not allow vessels to remain moored must provide them with sufficient notice to allow vessels time to move to a safe mooring, heavy weather anchorage, or depart to sea.

All facility and vessel operators should continue to make heavy weather preparations to include ensuring all loose cargo, cargo equipment, and debris are secured safely. All vessel mooring should be reinforced.

Vessels anchored shall prepare for severe winds. Additional anchor(s) should be made ready to let go and preparations shall be made to have a continuous anchor watch. Engine(s) should be made immediately available for maneuvering. Also, vessels should maintain a continuous listening watch on VHF Channel 16.

The delays at the Port of Norfolk have also been impacted by other terminal issues in Savannah, GA and Charleston, SC which is additionally causing the ships to miss their scheduled berthing windows at those terminals. If the berthing window is missed, it then becomes first come/first serve, which causes additional delays.

We are in contact with the terminals daily and we have voiced our concerns. They have assured us that they are working to improve these issues.

Thank you for your patience and we apologize for any inconveniences.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our North American Operations Center (NAOC) at 1-866-830-2550 or our Long Beach, CA Service Center at 1-866-502-6726.

Thank you for your business and continued support.

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