

## SEVERE CONGESTION AT PORTS & RAIL CAUSING OPERATIONAL ISSUES

June 28, 2022,

Dear Valued Customer,

We recognize persistent port and rail network congestion, container chassis shortages, and excessive detention and demurrage fees from carriers are causing significant harm to your import and export supply chains.

U.S. customs brokers, freight forwarders, and non-vessel-operating common carriers (NVOCCs) of all sizes are facing multi-week delays and higher costs of routing shipments through the nation's congested seaports, airports, and rail ramps.

The frustration of these delays is compounded by the imposition of excessive detention and demurrage fees by ocean carriers. Truckers hired to retrieve or deliver freight, more than likely will encounter inefficiencies at ports and airports that severely disrupt and add significant cost to what should be an efficient activity. In many areas, there is a severe shortage of available truckers to move your cargo domestically.

Unprecedented challenges are all encompassing, affecting ports, carriers, railroads, and truckers throughout the United States. As the front-line representative of your supply chain, please be assured that APL Logistics is doing our very best to help you navigate your business through this difficult period.

**For more information, please refer to the Resources below:**

- [SHIPCO ASIA LCL Advisory: USA LCL Export & Import Service Delays](#)
- [BNSF Network Update for Friday, June 3, 2022](#)
- JOC.com articles:
  - [Near-record US imports to continue through October: retailers](#)
  - [Lack of rail capacity, chassis threaten West Coast port flow gains](#)
  - [US port congestion will worsen through 2022 peak: industry leaders](#)

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact your APPL Representative.

Sincerely,

APL Logistics