



## Strikes at US ports on the East and Gulf coasts

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Dear customers,

We have some current information for you on **the strike action at the US ports on the East and Gulf Coasts.**

Port workers on the US East Coast shut down operations on 01/10/2024. One of the main reasons for the strike is concerns about automation. The union fears that increasing automation could lead to job losses and changes in working conditions.

This strike is causing significant disruption to the global supply chain and could also affect your deliveries.

Current declarations of 'force majeure' by the shipping companies in this trade mean that any delays and costs incurred will be charged to the goods.

### **To minimize the impact on your business, we recommend the following:**

- **Stock check:** check your stock levels and adjust your order quantities.
- **Alternative suppliers:** Check alternative suppliers and transport routes.
- **Communication:** Inform your customers about possible delays.

We will keep you continuously informed of all important developments and possible disruptions and will be happy to show you alternative transport options to minimize the impact on your supply chains.

Best regards,  
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