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## Market Update: Supply Chain Disruptions Due to Middle East Conflict

We would like to share an update received from our Freight Forwarder regarding the current global supply chain situation arising from the ongoing geopolitical tensions in the Middle East involving Iran, Israel, and the United States. This situation is significantly impacting international shipping operations, and we believe it is important to keep you informed for better planning and decision-making.

Please note that this assessment is based on the events till date and can change as events unfold in the area of conflict.

### (A) Shipping & Logistics Impact

1. Vessel schedules highly unreliable
2. Increase in Blank sailings, Route diversions, Transit delays
3. War risk surcharges imposed by shipping lines
4. Insurance premiums increasing sharply

### (B) Supply Chain Impact

1. Severe delays in shipments
2. Space shortage due to reduced vessel deployment
3. Cargo Getting rolled over, Containers stuck at ports, Air cargo also impacted due to airspace restrictions

### (C) Impact on India

1. Increase in Import costs (especially oil), Freight rates
2. Export challenges Delays to Middle East / Europe, Buyer uncertainty
3. Pressure on Supply chain timelines, Cost competitiveness

### (D) Commercial Impact (Ground Reality)

1. Frequent rate fluctuations
2. Unpredictable ETD/ETA
3. Increased disputes on Detention, Demurrage, Additional surcharges becoming common

Keeping in view situation becoming medium to long-term disruption, high uncertainty for next few months

Please advise clients to plan shipments in advance, Expect delays, Build buffer in transit planning and to confirm bookings at the earliest to secure space and equipment

We are closely monitoring the situation and shall keep you updated

*Make and informed decision*

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