

■ **Gothenburg, Sweden – Situation at Terminal escalating**

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Dear Customer,

The situation at the container terminal APMT in Gothenburg is unfortunately escalating further. After the Swedish Dockworkers Union (Svenska Hamnarbetarförbundet) has recently announced new and tougher industrial actions, APM-Terminals has now decided to impose a partial lockout with effect from **May 19, 2017**.

For details please see the [Customer Advisory](#) from APMT dated May 12, 2017.

Unless the opponents find the way back to the negotiating table this will unfortunately have further negative impacts on the services in the port and subsequently on the handling of vessels, trains and trucks. Already now the terminal has reached a critical yard density, performance is reduced and shipping lines are confronted with move restrictions on almost all vessel calls (meaning that not all containers can be discharged resp. loaded). This all leads to partly severe delays, and booking restrictions for Gothenburg cannot be avoided.

We will of course do everything to minimize the negative impacts, but we have to expect even short notice changes which are beyond of our control. Therefore we strongly recommend to re-direct your cargo to other ports such as Varberg, Helsingborg and Halmstad, where Hapag-Lloyd offers you regular weekly sailings.

Once again we need to point out that any additional costs arising from this unfortunate situation can under no circumstances be absorbed by Hapag-Lloyd. Storage costs at the terminal, additional haulage costs, truck waiting times, re-booking fees etc. are all for account of the cargo. In this connection we like to draw your attention to the fact that trucking companies will charge costs for waiting times at the gates without any freetime.

For further information, please contact your local Hapag-Lloyd office.

Kind Regards,

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