



Notice to Shippers

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Subject:
**EUROPE – SOUTHERN AFRICA TRADE
SAECS SERVICE – EXCESSIVE VESSEL DELAYS
IN SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS**

Dear Clients,

Further to the general information we provided on the 15/7/19 regarding the situation in the South African ports we regret to inform you that the situation remains very challenging and impossible to maintain the weekly named day service.

In all the three main ports – Cape Town, Coega and Durban we are experiencing long berthing delays and lower than average productivity levels on the terminals. Whereas the terminal in Port Elizabeth has only one functioning ship/shore crane.

Consequently, all of the SAECS vessels are leaving the last port of loading in South Africa extremely far behind their pro-forma schedules.

Most recently both the DAL Kalahari 790/193B and the Santa Barbara 792/193B left Cape Town 10 and 7 days respectively behind their already slipped schedules.

To bring all delayed vessels back as best possible into their weekly schedule positions it is unavoidably necessary for us with our partners in addition to sailing the vessels at maximum speed, to implement schedule recovery contingencies such as port omissions or move count restrictions to limit port stays.

These measures will as usual be advised to you via schedule changes information provided by our local offices and agency representations and via our daily schedule updates (www.DAL.biz).

We will continue to do all possible to minimize these corrective measures and trust that we have your full understanding that the situation prevailing in the South African ports and container terminals is beyond our control.

Unfortunately, all these measures, in particular operating the vessels at maximum speed, are creating additional costs which are not sustainable and covered by the current levels of ocean freight.

Kind regards,
DAL Deutsche Afrika-Linien GmbH & Co. KG