

# Notice to Shippers

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## **EUROPE – SOUTH AFRICA V. V. TRADE SAECS SERVICE CHANGES**

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Dear valued customer,

We would like to inform you that together with our SAECS VSA partners we have decided to introduce a 9th vessel into the SAECS Core service and make some changes to the weekly scheduled sailing & arrival dates in some ports. At the same time, we will also be re-introducing the northbound calls at Port Elizabeth and Algeciras, which unfortunately had to be temporarily removed from the schedule at the end of last year. This addition of the extra vessel to the existing fleet will ensure we can serve you going forward with a stable weekly service and reliable scheduled sailing and arrival dates.

The operational challenges in the main South Africa ports continue with regular port congestions prevailing as a result of structural deficiencies and low productivity levels in the container terminals. Consequently, it was no longer possible or viable to maintain the full port coverage and a weekly reliable schedule without these changes. An extra vessel means for DAL substantial additional operating costs, but it was also no longer economically and environmentally viable to continually operate the vessels at maximum speeds to compensate for the delays in the South African ports.

Although a suitable 9<sup>th</sup> vessel was already introduced into the service in Europe in February, only as from the 1<sup>st</sup> April can we make the necessary schedule changes after we have obtained from the South African Terminals Operator (TPT) the berthing windows we require to increase the time allocated in the schedule for the calls in the South Africa ports and between the ports to compensate for possible delays especially in Durban.

In the South African Port's the call days will from 1<sup>st</sup> April be as follows:

- Cape Town: Sunday - Monday
- Coega: Wednesday - Thursday
- Durban: Saturday – Wednesday
- Port Elizabeth: Sunday - Monday
- Cape Town: Thursday - Saturday

and the first sailings on these new scheduled days will be:

- Cape Town SB: Santa Ursula 376/201A
- Coega: Santa Ursula 376/201A
- Durban: Maersk Luz 374/201A / 868/202B
- Port Elizabeth: Santa Ursula 870/201B
- Cape Town NB: Santa Rosa 806/201B

In Europe there will be some minor changes to the Rotterdam (NB call) and London Gateway arrival & departure times whereas in Bremerhaven and Rotterdam (SB call) they will remain unchanged. These changes will apply with effect from the Maersk Luz 868/202B

Full details of the revised schedule and transit times is available on [www.DAL.biz](http://www.DAL.biz)  
Otherwise please contact your local DAL agency office for any other information you may require.

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