

## **Notice to Shippers**

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EUROPE – SOUTH AFRICA TRADE

MAERSK LANCO - ROTTERDAM 24th/25th JANUARY 2018

Dear valued clients,

Unfortunately, the severe storm with gale force winds which hit the Netherlands and parts of Germany on the 17th January creating widespread structural infrastructural damage has had serious effects on the container terminal operations in the port of Rotterdam. The shutdown of operations which was necessary on the terminals has resulted in a back log of ocean vessels and barges. To cope with the resulting back log and to enable the delayed vessels to get back into schedule our partner and terminal operator Maersk Line decided to limit the number of containers to be loaded and discharged on each vessel.

In the case of the Maersk Lanco this meant that at very short notice DAL was informed by its VSA partner Maersk Line that it would not be possible to load all the containers which are on the terminal ready to be loaded.

Despite all our intervention efforts it is with much regret that it was not possible to get all our containers loaded and we ask for your understanding that the effects of such severe storms on vessel & container terminal operations is beyond our control and we apologize for any resulting inconveniences.

Kind regards,

DAL Trade Management

