

USA : Truck shortage & domestic transportation challenges

We draw your attention to the general and growing shortage of truck drivers and road haulers which is causing an increase in delivery times in some parts of the US and Canada that may cause extra demurrage, detention and storage costs (let's remember these costs are the responsibility of the merchandise payable by the consignees or their custom brokers before moving the container out of the terminal or ramp).

The transport sector has been under pressure for many years and a peak is currently being reached due to the terrible weather events that have hit the USA in 2017 and early 2018 (hurricanes of category 4 & 5, severe wildfires and recent snow storms).

Read more :

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/a-shortage-of-trucks-is-forcing-companies-to-cut-shipments-or-pay-up-1516789800>

<https://www.lloydsloadinglist.com/freight-directory/news/US-trucking-shortages-%E2%80%99li-kely-to-worsen%E2%80%99/71297.htm#.WoG98CXOXAU>

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