

Good Afternoon

A further update for you on the current situation in Christchurch.

GENERAL

Television continues to show us that the city centre is still cordoned off to all traffic and remains under a state of civil emergency. We expect this to remain in place for some time. All businesses, schools and non-essential services are to remain shut and policed until otherwise advised.

Our structural engineers in Christchurch have inspected our buildings and we can confirm that we are able to commence skeletal services.

DOMESTIC FREIGHT

- Rail connections into and out of Christchurch remain closed today as track inspection continues.
- Kiwi Rail expects to open the Blenheim Christchurch line by tomorrow afternoon; this may mean some freight being available for delivery late tomorrow. There may be some initial delays as backlogs are cleared.
- The Port of Lyttleton remains closed.
- We will be attempting to dispatch freight to all South Island destinations including Christchurch from tonight as Kiwi Rail expects to open lines. Delays could still be up to two days.
- There will be limited deliveries and pickups in Christchurch tomorrow due to cordons and our inability to move about the central city.

INTERNATIONAL FREIGHT

The Christchurch Branches remain closed today.

- **Perishable/Airfreight**
The Perishable Airfreight Branch phones are diverted to Team members however the Christchurch facility is closed for receipt of freight today. At this stage we anticipate the Branch re opening tomorrow.
We understand the Qantas freighter will be uplifting International freight in Christchurch later today with Jetstar and Air NZ to taking freight on their passenger flights. We understand Singapore Airlines will be operational tomorrow.
We anticipate strong Airfreight demand due to a possibly slow re opening of the Lyttleton Port and potential congestion and re organisation of shipping schedules. This may put pressure on capacity.
- **Seafreight**
Sea freight Branch phones are diverted to our Dunedin Branch today. It is our intention to re open tomorrow with a small team of 4 to handle urgent customer inquiries.

We are awaiting an update from Lyttleton Port and when it will be operational and understand the announcement maybe 24 hours away due to the need for engineers to assess the damage. This will be subject to engineer reports and also be linked to the re opening of the Road Tunnel which is currently restricted to emergency traffic only. In the meantime, Import/Export containers at Lyttleton are not accessible.

We anticipate the shipping lines will divert import cargo from Lyttleton to other ports such as Timaru and Port Chalmers. Naturally, movement of Import containers back to Christchurch will be subject to rail and road working. With Exports we anticipate they will move over Ports such as Timaru and Port Chalmers and we will work with customers to facilitate the access of ships over these Ports.

Shipping Line Schedule details will follow once we receive updated information.

The container parks remain closed until further notice and this will impact on our ability for future Export shipments.

As outlined above, Mainfreight will be able to assist with Air freighting urgent orders to market as and if required. Please make contact with your Mainfreight team and they will advise details.

LOGISTICS

Craig Evans will be inspecting all Logistics facilities in Christchurch this evening and will provide an update to all logistics customers tonight.

If you need further information please call;

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