

Customer Advisory

Update on Red Sea / Gulf of Aden Changes to our MECL service

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Dear customer,

The situation in and around the Red Sea / Gulf of Aden continues to be volatile. As we are now receiving intelligence informing us that the security risk is at a heightened level to what we have informed you of before, we are now making changes to our MECL service. Our priority remains the safety of our seafarers, vessels, and your cargo.

Effective immediately, MECL will no longer transit through the Red Sea, and instead go around the Cape of Good Hope. This means the following vessels will be changing their voyages:

- Maersk Detroit, Voyage 401W, will deviate and now go via Cape of Good Hope (via Algeciras) to the United States East Coast
- Maersk Atlanta, Voyage 402W, will deviate and now go via Cape of Good Hope to the United States East Coast
- Maersk Pittsburgh, Voyage 349E, will deviate and go via Cape of Good Hope
- Maersk Denver, Voyage 350E, will deviate and go via Cape of Good Hope
- Maersk Hartford, Voyage 351E, will deviate and go via Cape of Good Hope
- Maersk Columbus, Voyage 352E, is currently at Algeciras, and will go via Cape of Good Hope to Salalah

For customers with existing bookings on these MECL services, there will be some unavoidable delays. For more information on next steps, please reach out to your local Maersk representative.

We understand the potential impact this may have on your logistics operations, but please rest assured that all decisions have been carefully considered. We will share more information on alternative solutions and options in the coming days.

While we continue to hope for a sustainable resolution in the near-future and do all we can to contribute towards it, the situation currently remains untenable, and we encourage customers to prepare for complications in the area to persist and for there to be significant disruption to the global network. Our teams are on hand to support with your planning, should you need any assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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