



## POTENTIAL DISRUPTION AT NINGBO PORT, CHINA

**This is an update on the measures rolled out by the Port Authority on epidemic prevention and control, as well as port operations.**

In terms of epidemic prevention and control: The Port Authority has progressively upgraded the epidemic prevention level to halt further transmission. The measures include:

1. Guard the maritime input line: the dock of each port area has been divided into 2 areas, namely the container space area and the personnel area. Each of these areas run independently, thus creating a “isolation” effect to improve the efficacy of epidemic prevention and control within the port area itself.
2. Prevent further spreading of the epidemic via land, to Hong Kong: all port operators are centrally managed in the port area. The nature of their work does not require them to interact or have any contact with the “outside world”. They also go through regularly testing once every two days.
3. Strict isolation of container truck transportation routes: The Port Authority have implemented closed and fixed land operation of highways and roads in various port areas. Special passes have also been issued to qualified drivers who are selected based on their health, itinerary code, and a negative COVID test result. When the trucks leave Ningbo and arrive at the port area via the high-speed entrance, all drivers must follow the route designated by the Public Security Department and should leave the port area immediately after their work is done.

**Port operations:** coordination among the resources of the port area is required to ensure smooth processing.

1. Coordination of on-site operators: more than 5,300 staff are on duty at all container terminals in Ningbo Port. A fixed shift system is also implemented to ensure daily operational needs are met.
2. Coordinate dock resources within each terminal area: this is to facilitate processes such as the arrangement for arriving ships, internal short-barge capacity, and the effective operations of the port.
3. Facilitate multimodal transportation resources across different provinces: the sea-rail transportation service was launched to avoid supply chain disruptions for businesses, as well as to provide an additional option for shipments that were diverted from Ningbo Port to Wenzhou, Taizhou and Jiaxing ports.