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Due to the effect of the coronavirus outbreak, Chinese ports are congested it results notably in a lack of available plugs for reefer containers.

As a matter of fact, MSC cannot secure the discharge of reefers containers at the designated port if power source may not be available.

Consequently, at ports, where it is not possible to discharge some or all reefer containers MSC has no option but to *apply clause 19 of our Bill of Lading and Sea Waybill Terms and Conditions.* It means that your reefer container(s) may be discharged at an intermediate or alternative port and held there until it is possible to forward them to the designated port of discharge. In case the situation remains unchanged it may be necessary to abandon the voyage and advise you from where your container(s) may be collected.

Please note that in both cases MSC is entitled to charge to the Merchant additional freight and costs including but not limited to storage, demurrage and plugging.

The delay to your cargo is beyond MSC’s control and for the avoidance of doubt MSC is not liable for loss or damage caused by the delay.

We apologise for any disruption and delay your cargo may experience. MSC continues to monitor and implement necessary measures to minimize disruptions.

In the meantime, we will keep you updated on further developments.

For specific questions please contact your MSC local agent.

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