



DEAL IN SOUTH AFRICA

Mr. Sugie Govender from TRANSGLOBAL, our member in South Africa, reports that he has negotiated with the Department of Trade and Industry a rebate benefit for the following items originating from the BRICS countries.

TRANSGLOBAL has obtained the rights to import the following commodities at a reduced customs duty rate:

- Motor vehicle spares
- Motor car tyres
- Truck tyres
- Car body parts.

Duty rates are reduced between 20% - 25% discount on general duty tariff. This will give TPF Members an edge on other agents if quoting on a Door to Door basis.

Please contact Mr. Govender at sugie@trans-global.co.za for further information.



UPDATE FROM THAILAND

At the beginning of the month, Ms. Kanjana Vithsupalert, from S.A.OVERSEAS, our member in Thailand, reported that the flood situation had become worse in North and West Bangkok. And, although their office was still in a safe area, some of the staff members could not go to work as their homes and the surrounding roads were flooded.

Regarding operations, most Shipping Lines did not accept any laden export or import containers return or discharge at Bangkok Port (PAT) and Lat Krabang, ICD during such period and suggested to change to Laem Chabang Port instead.

However, the latest news (from Tuesday 29th) is that the flood situation is getting better. Now it's only some areas in the North, West and East Bangkok which are still covered with approximately 30-50 cms of water. Central Bangkok, business area and S.A. OVERSEAS' office are not affected.

According to Ms. Vithsupalert, Thai government said the situation will become normal and all Industrial Estate affected the flood will be able to re-open during this week or within mid of December at the latest. Still, this crisis is going to affect a number of workers from industrial estates as some factories have announced their intention to close down.



Thailand's factory output fell by 35.8% in October after the country's worst flooding for 50 years. The floods hit seven of the country's largest industrial estates, which are a hub for component makers for the car and electronics industries. Output of hard disk drives fell 52.4% in October, while production of electronics fell 45.5%. Car production, which is based in eastern Thailand away from the floods, fell 61.3% due to parts shortages.

This means that Thailand's economy may grow between 1.7% and 2.0% this year, rather the 2.72% projected last month, according to the country's finance ministry.





NEW MEMBERS

It's a pleasure to welcome the new members in Malta and Israel to our group.

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HOLIDAYS

- Ms. Chona Gutierrez, from SHARAF LOGISTICS (Dubai) informs that on the occasion of the Islamic New Hijri year 1433 their offices will remain closed on Thursday, 1st December 2011 and then on Saturday 3rd December 2011 in recognition of 40th UAE National Day. They will resume on Sunday, 4th December 2011

For urgent matters, you are kindly requested to contact Mr. Zahedi (+971-50-6442808)

- DMK LOGISTICS (Pakistan) reports their offices will be closed on December, Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th due to Ashora- Muharram. Normal business hours will resume on Wednesday 7th.

For urgent inquiries you are requested to contact:

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Mr. Saadat Ali Zia (+92-333-4563399) - Import

- Mr. Marco Garcia, from TRACOSA, Spain, informs that their offices will be closed on December Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th due to National Holidays.

For urgent issues, please contact the TPF Management Office.