

# MIDDLE EAST SUPPLY CHAIN OPERATIONAL UPDATES

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When others face limits, Marken delivers certainty. In light of ongoing disruption, Marken continues to monitor impacts on airspace, operations, and airline services. While others are constrained, we remain fully operational and ready now.

We are stepping in where others can't. Backed by our global, resilient, fully redundant network built without equal, we keep shipments moving with complete control and agile routing, even when fuel constraints and infrastructure challenges slow others down.

Where capacity tightens, we adapt. Where delays emerge, we reroute. From first mile to final mile, we deliver with speed, precision, and consistency.

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**Marken keeps moving. Ready now and proven where it matters most.**

## GLOBAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Ongoing conflict involving Iran, Israel, and broader regional actors continues to drive airspace restrictions, high-risk advisories, and intermittent operational disruptions across parts of the Middle East, compressing available routings and reducing network flexibility. Airlines and cargo operators continue adjusting services and flight paths across key Gulf and Levant corridors, contributing to longer transit times, schedule variability, and periodic capacity constraints for time-sensitive shipments.
- Maritime conditions also remain highly volatile. Disruptions affecting the Strait of Hormuz, combined with ongoing security concerns in the Red Sea and surrounding waterways, continue to impact vessel routing decisions, transit times, and schedule reliability. Carriers remain cautious in their network planning, with some services utilizing alternative routings that increase voyage durations and contribute to equipment imbalances and broader supply chain disruption.
- Given the fluid operating environment, shippers should continue planning for extended lead times, securing bookings as early as possible, and maintaining contingency plans to support supply chain continuity.

**If you have questions about a specific shipment or our operations in a particular area, please contact your local Marken branch or your business development professional.**

## APAC REGION (ASIA-PACIFIC)



**CHINA / NORTH ASIA**



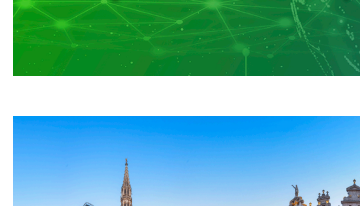
**INDIA / SOUTH ASIA**



**SOUTHEAST ASIA (SINGAPORE, THAILAND, VIETNAM)**

- Many Asia-Europe flights that would traditionally transit portions of Middle Eastern or adjacent airspace have been retimed, rerouted, or adjusted in response to evolving airspace restrictions, operational considerations, and carrier risk-management decisions.
- These adjustments may increase transit times on certain lanes and contribute to occasional schedule changes, payload limitations, aircraft substitutions, or reduced schedule reliability on affected services. While impacts vary by carrier and routing, network flexibility remains constrained compared with normal operating conditions.
- Ocean services transiting the Arabian Sea, Gulf region, and surrounding waterways may experience selective rerouting, schedule adjustments, and enhanced security measures, which could impact transit times and service reliability on certain trade lanes.
- Air cargo moving through key Gulf hubs may also experience periodic capacity constraints, extended transit times, and schedule variability as carriers adjust networks, manage operational risk, and respond to evolving airspace restrictions and regional security developments.
- Local operations remain generally stable. However, long-haul services to Europe may be affected by Middle East airspace restrictions, rerouting requirements, and operational adjustments at key transit hubs. Services to North America may experience more selective impacts tied to broader network realignments, aircraft rotations, and capacity shifts across global airfreight networks.
- While most regional services continue to operate normally, shippers may experience periodic schedule variability, extended transit times, or capacity constraints on certain long-haul lanes as carriers adapt to evolving operating conditions.

## EMEA REGION (EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST & AFRICA)



**EUROPE**



**MIDDLE EAST**



**AFRICA**

- Some European ports and airports continue to experience schedule variability driven by longer Asia-Europe ocean transit routings, selective carrier network adjustments, and airspace avoidance measures affecting portions of the Middle East corridor.
- Certain Europe-Asia trade lanes may experience periodic pressure on capacity, transit times, rates, and schedule reliability as ocean carriers and airlines continue adapting networks to evolving operational and security conditions. Impacts vary by carrier, routing, and gateway, with some hubs experiencing greater pressure than others.
- Clinical collections are generally operating normally, although country-specific adjustments, localized service impacts, or temporary schedule changes may occur in response to evolving regional conditions.
- Airspace and maritime disruptions remain the primary operational risks, with potential impacts to flight schedules, transit times, cargo capacity, vessel routing, and overall service reliability across the Gulf region and broader Middle East trade corridors.
- Given the fluid operating environment, customers should anticipate the potential for short-notice operational adjustments and maintain contingency planning where feasible for time-critical shipments.
- Trade lanes routed through Middle East hubs may experience schedule variability, transit delays, and periodic capacity fluctuations as carriers continue adjusting regional networks and routings.
- East African shipments linked to Red Sea and Suez trade corridors may face extended transit times, feeder service disruptions, schedule irregularities, and occasional equipment or container availability constraints.

### Additional Regional Updates:

- **Bahrain:** Bahrain International Airport remains operational, though services may continue to be managed through fixed routing measures and evolving airspace controls. Short-notice restrictions, delays, or schedule adjustments remain possible as regional conditions change.
- **Israel:** Ben Gurion Airport remains operational. Domestic and regional operations appear more stable, while some foreign carriers may continue selective suspensions, reduced frequencies, or adjusted routings based on security and operational assessments.
- **Jordan:** Queen Alia International Airport remains operational, though intermittent restrictions, rerouting measures, and schedule changes remain possible depending on regional developments.
- **Kuwait:** Airport and airspace operations remain subject to rapid change following recent regional security incidents. Operational restrictions, congestion, delays, backlog, or capacity constraints may occur depending on evolving security conditions and carrier risk assessments.
- **Iraq (Erbil / Baghdad):** Iraqi airspace remains subject to significant restrictions and ongoing operational uncertainty. Carrier-specific suspensions, rerouting measures, reduced capacity, and schedule disruptions should be anticipated.
- **Iran:** Iranian airspace remains heavily restricted, with portions of the airspace closed or subject to operating limitations. Airlines continue implementing avoidance measures, alternative routings, and schedule adjustments in response to evolving security conditions.
- **Saudi Arabia:** Major airports remain operational, though delays, selective cancellations, and carrier-specific cargo acceptance restrictions remain possible due to regional operating conditions and airspace management measures.
- **Lebanon:** Beirut-Rafic Hariri International Airport remains operational, though flight schedules and outbound connectivity may remain constrained on certain lanes depending on carrier operating decisions and regional security conditions.
- **Egypt:** Airports remain operational, though some airlines may implement selective suspensions, reroutings, or schedule adjustments tied to broader regional airspace conditions.
- **United Arab Emirates:** Dubai and Abu Dhabi remain operational, though some carriers may continue adjusted schedules, selective suspensions, or modified routings as regional airspace conditions continue to evolve.
- **Qatar:** Doha remains operational, though periodic corridor restrictions, schedule adjustments, and network recovery measures may continue depending on regional airspace conditions.
- **Oman:** Airspace remains operational and continues to serve as an alternate regional corridor, though route-specific restrictions, congestion, or schedule variability may still occur.

### Customer Guidance:

- Due to limited capacity, shipments to Bahrain, Kuwait, and Iraq may face delays and space constraints.
- Customers should contact their local branch to confirm operational feasibility and routing options before booking.
- Secure shipment bookings as early as possible to minimize delays caused by congestion or limited capacity.

## LATIN & CENTRAL AMERICA REGIONS

Latin and Central American operations are not at the epicenter of the Middle East crisis, but indirect impacts continue to be felt through global capacity constraints and network imbalances—particularly on Asia/Europe-LATAM flows that rely on shared long-haul aircraft and ocean capacity. As carriers continue adjusting networks around Middle East disruptions, some Latin American trade lanes may experience periodic capacity tightening, schedule variability, and routing adjustments.

- Ocean shipments utilizing trade lanes connected to the Red Sea and Suez Canal corridor may continue to face longer transit times and reduced schedule reliability where carriers employ alternative routings, including diversions around the Cape of Good Hope. These adjustments can contribute to extended lead times, vessel bunching, intermittent congestion at key transshipment hubs, equipment imbalances, and downstream impacts on feeder services serving Latin American markets
- Airfreight moving through European gateways—or across globally reallocated airline networks—may also experience longer routings, schedule adjustments, or periodic capacity constraints as carriers adapt to evolving airspace restrictions and operational conditions. Impacts may be most noticeable on certain Europe-Latin America and Asia-Latin America corridors during periods of elevated demand or network disruption.

## NORTH AMERICA REGION

North American operations remain generally stable, though indirect impacts from global capacity constraints, network adjustments, and evolving routing patterns continue to influence certain trade lanes. Changes across international air and ocean networks may create secondary effects on capacity allocation, schedule reliability, equipment availability, and transit consistency for some North American import and export flows.

Some airlines continue implementing alternative routings to avoid affected portions of Middle East airspace, while ocean carriers serving North America from Asia and Europe continue managing downstream effects associated with Red Sea and Suez Canal disruptions, as well as broader regional security developments. These conditions may contribute to periodic schedule variability, extended transit times on certain routes, and intermittent pressure on available air and ocean capacity—particularly during periods of elevated demand, peak shipping activity, or network disruption.

### MARKEN'S ONGOING RESPONSE & COMMITMENT TO PATIENTS

**Marken Prioritizes Patient Safety, Product Integrity, and Data Quality Above All.** When Middle East routings disrupt, we execute rigorous risk assessments evaluating carrier options, transit times, and lane-specific security—to deploy alternative global solutions: rerouted ocean services, hybrid air-sea/air-ground/UPS network pathways, and stable hub connections that protect study timelines despite delays.



#### Our Proactive Disruption Response

- 24/7 monitoring of airline suspensions, airspace closures, and schedule changes.
- Partner coordination to triage and recover cold chain shipments.
- Alternative routings/carriers for time/temperature-critical cargo (with transparent TAT updates).
- Continuous communication on routing, conditions, and constraints.
- Origin facility/vendor/airline sync for rapid recovery, secure storage, and re-icing.

#### We're Here to Support You

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