To whom it may concern

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Announcement of shipping situation

Dear valued customer,

The outbreak and rapid spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the associated restrictions are currently affecting the world economy. The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the coronavirus a global pandemic. Even though our assessment shows that the general supply chain situation is improving rapidly in China, the virus continues to spread across the world and the situation is increasingly challenging and concerning. In many countries, governments are closing schools, universities and other public institutions, banning certain public gatherings and encouraging or mandating businesses to implement mobile working.

We are trying hard to support our customers and get the required goods shipped the quickest possible way but the general logistic chain has an overcapacity of freight. Below please find a review of the situation.

General Information on logistic chain

1. Situation air freight
   The freight space for air shipments is these days down to 20% worldwide. Due to all Airlines are flying only very restricted and limited (no passenger flights in and out China) the forwarders have limited capacity and charge much higher airfreight rates (up to 7-10% higher cost). The lead times for airfreight are meanwhile between 15-20 days and also booking space is not necessarily a guarantee to get it. This leads to the fact that we cannot call on specific delivery dates (forwarders cannot confirm anymore).

   We therefore have to check on all alternative routes to ship out product the most efficient way.

2. Rail freight from China
   We have the possibility to ship via Rail out of China with lead times being currently confirmed with 25 to 30 days to Europe (Germany). We have meanwhile booked freight space for this and will use this shipping method.
3. Sea freight

In addition, we can use the sea freight as possible shipping method for shipments, which are not urgent (highly unlikely in these days).

Of course, we will keep a close eye on all the urgent shipping requests from our customers and will try to fly in these goods. Saying this, we would appreciate to accept the fact that we need to charge for flying in due to the much higher cost we are facing.

We would ask you to contact your sales contact at Everlight Europe and closely communicate with us to find the best solution. We for sure will try our best to help where we can.

The situation in our factories are close to be solved but please bear in mind that we still need time to catch up with all the received orders from you and that this will take it’s time also.

With kind regards,

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