



Current loading situation from and to China

Since the delta variant of the Corona virus began spreading in China, local ground handling agents have been subject to stricter controls at the country's second largest air cargo hub.

Due to the stricter hygiene regulations, air cargo at Shanghai Pudong International Airport is currently **experiencing delays of 12 to 24 hours**.

All air cargo to, from, and over Shanghai **must be disinfected**. The current high freight volumes in conjunction with a large number of flight cancellations are also leading to **extreme capacity bottlenecks**. In this context, **increased costs** must also be expected.

The effects of the **longer handling times** will also be felt in exports from China to Europe. In some cases, aircrafts can only be loaded up to 50% (in some cases even less than that) in order to be able to comply with the specified airport slots.

The following airports are currently experiencing processing delays and in some cases also to short-term closures:

Shanghai	Wuhan
Beijing	Hangzhou
Ningbo	Hefei
Xiamen	Shenzhen
Chengdu	Nanjing (currently closed)
	Qingdao (only open for exports)

Seafreight shipments are currently also being affected by these new measures. **Quarantine requirements** are also leading to **shortage of port personnel**.

The **port of Ningbo is currently not fully operational**, causing **delays** and **backlogs**. This is affecting imports as well as exports. Changes and further restrictions to other ports and airports in China can be expected on short notice.



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