



## TRADE ADVISORY: MIDDLE EAST 2 MARCH 2026

Dear Valued Clients

Further to our Trade Advisory: Middle East, dated 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026; please be advised of the latest updates as received from shipping lines, as at 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026:

- **MSC** – all bookings for Middle East region are suspended until further notice. All vessels currently in Gulf region or en route will proceed to designated safe shelter. MSC will advise customers regarding potential alternate ports of discharge, if required.
- **Maersk** – all vessels initially planned for Suez sailings will be rerouted around the Cape of Good Hope. Cargo bookings remain open at this time.
- **ONE** – all bookings for the region are suspended until further notice. For cargo currently in transit, situation will be assessed voyage by voyage and ONE will communicate any operational changes.
- **Hapag Lloyd** – bookings remain open at this time. Carrier has issued notification of a War Risk Surcharge, effective 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026, for any booking on or after 2nd March 2026, as well as any cargo already on the water, but not yet discharged or loaded to / from the region. The WRS is at a quantum of US\$1500 per TEU for standard containers and US\$3500 per container for reefer and special equipment.

This is a developing and fluid situation.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact your SACO representative.

Kind regards  
The SACO Team.

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