



Navigating the World

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Setbacks in Shanghai & Ningbo



On July 16th, a major typhoon formed around the central and eastern regions of China resulting in; major floods, record rainstorms, damaging winds, and high seas. Typhoon In-Fa dissipated fifteen days after its initial development, but the aftermath and continual rainstorms have left the affected regions struggling to recoup. Its

destruction has impacted the surrounding infrastructure and the supply chain. In addition, the port of Ningbo is addressing health concerns after a worker tested positive for COVID-19.

Port Delays

Typhoon In-Fa has unfortunately hit Shanghai and Ningbo, home to the world's largest and third-largest container ports. The ports paused their operations between July 23 and 26 - and have been facing major backlog ever since. At this point, vessel movements are delayed, and container freight terminals have been shut down. Some delays are taking up to a week, disrupting sailing schedules as queues to load and unload ships become long. These setbacks are especially significant at Shanghai and Ningbo, considering the magnitude of shipments that go in and out every day. The ports are crucial to sustaining the global economy and supply chain. Warehouses at the ports are not receiving or sending goods; resulting in a negative impact on supply chains.

Other affected ports include:

- Waigaogiao and Yangshan facing delays of around 2 to 4 days.
- Tianjin facing delays of 3 to 14 days

COVID at Ningbo



This past weekend a worker at Ningbo-Zhoushan port tested positive for COVID-19. The 34-year-old worker is currently in isolation, separated from the port and fellow employees. In response, Ningbo began turning away ships entering the port. China has

recently reinstated COVID restrictions as cases began to rise and ports established their own regulations to protect workers from the virus. Nucleic acid tests are required at most ports for crew members while vessels remain anchored until negative results are received.

The port of Ningbo is already struggling to keep up with an extensive backlog as a result of Typhoon In-Fa and will now be facing even longer delays.

Following the positive COVID-19 test result at the Meishan terminal of Ningbo, container pickup and entrance operations at MSICT have been suspended until further notice. This development has been instated effective immediately as of August 11th. Port officials are predicting elongated vessel delays.



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