

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: COLOMBIA

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Dear Customers,

In the Americas region, the United States continue to experience a rapid increase in cases especially in the city of Miami, where the regional headquarters is located. As a whole, the region continues to abide by local social distancing and reopening guidelines. Work from home programs have been extended in the majority of the countries and continue to be successful.

/// HOW COVID-19 HAS AFFECTED COLOMBIA

Colombia continues handling and receiving shipments via freighter services. Ports are also handling import and export ocean shipments. The exportation of pharmaceutical products and first necessity products is still prohibited. Perishable and incoming pharma cargo are placed on priority through customs processes – borders remain closed. Space is available for shipments in most routes, but others require booking with priority and in advance. Some shipping lines have made capacity available for free drop offs in order to increase their operations in Colombia. Transport companies are working normally, but rates are much higher than usual. Quarantine restrictions continue strictly for kids and the elderly and movement between Colombian cities is limited. The country has extended its quarantine until August 1 with additional restrictions in some cities. National passenger flights are scheduled to start as of July – international passenger flights are expected to commence before September. Although a few sectors have reopened for business and are aligned with the reopening plan, the government guidelines still stress the importance of working from home as much as possible. Only construction, medical and some industrial sectors are allowed to return to their offices in an effort to avoid a surge in cases. No internal cases of COVID-19 have been reported – health precautions are high.

We will send further updates as soon as there are any new developments. Please feel free to get in touch with us if you have any questions or concerns and confirm with Rhenus Americas for the most up-to-date information before booking.

Kind Regards,



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