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## **Brazil's Port of Santos Highly Congested due to Labor Strike**

Dear Valued Customer,

The customs officers' trade union of Brazil began striking for fair pay in mid-April, and continues to initiate one-three day strikes per week. They are only allowing emergency and medical-related cargo to pass through during the periods of strike. Customs officers are also slowing down the days they are not striking by physically inspecting all containers that transit the port, rather than the normal few. Containers are being detained for up to 14 days, resulting in higher shipping and warehousing costs. Congestion is plaguing many Brazilian ports due to the events, including Rio de Janeiro. For more information, please see the article below.

We understand how disruptive this can be to supply chains, and we are here to help. For questions regarding your potentially affected freight, please contact our International department at [international@speedgs.com](mailto:international@speedgs.com) or (716) 854-0477.

Sincerely,

The Speed Global Team

For more information, please see: [https://www.joc.com/regulation-policy/brazil-port-santos-customs-officers-strike-delaying-cargo\\_20180413.html](https://www.joc.com/regulation-policy/brazil-port-santos-customs-officers-strike-delaying-cargo_20180413.html)

