

ANNOUNCEMENT- 4 June 2020 VSH Group of Companies

VSH Group of companies, in compliance with the stringent code red status as announced by the Suriname “Nationaal COVID 19 Management team” and the announcement by the Vice President of Suriname; due to a sudden increase in COVID 19 cases during the past week, effective June 4th 2020 country Suriname will be in a general lockdown for the period 4 June (18:00hrs) until Friday 12 June 2020 (06:00hrs). All non-essential businesses, government services and financial institutions will be required to close during this period.

The fact is that Country Suriname is currently in the midst of a COVID 19 outbreak. Indications are that there is now communal spreading. These lockdown measures have been implemented to help slow the infection rate.

To ensure the health and wellbeing of our employees the VSH Group continues to operate on the basis of the Group Disaster Recovery Plan to facilitate business continuity for those companies that support critical economic activities.

Shipping and cargo services:

As of Friday 5 June 2020 until Thursday 11 June 2020 all VSH cargo consolidation centers in Miami/Rotterdam, ship agency/terminal operations Suriname and Guyana have limited opening hours and restricted office visits. Customers requiring export cargo, shipping agency and/or cargo release services are advised to contact individual logistics companies via email and to avoid visiting office locations as much as possible. All freight/cargo related payments must be done via wire transfer and truck drivers/coordinators can pick up gate passes at the designated ship agency office taking into consideration the COVID 19 measures in effect.

We can report the following specified times for services by Suriname customs and terminal activities:

- **Vessel discharge and load activities – 24 hours/7 days per week (24/7).
Vessel clearance limitation possible considering personnel capacity.**
- **Submission of clearance documentation – Monday to Friday until 08:00-10:00hrs**
- **Release and acceptance of cargo – Monday to Friday until 08:00-12:00hrs.
Special request for perishables and business essential products can be submitted before 10:00hrs Monday to Friday.**

VSH Transport as terminal operator active at the “Jules Sedney” Paramaribo port and as Custom Broker have adjusted their work schedule to these times. Special arrangements will be made for custom brokerage services to companies/customers that have a “general waiver as issued by the Suriname government”.

Trading:

VSH Trading office showroom (Suriname) will be closed during the lock down period. VSH United Guyana office/showroom hours are from 0800-12:00hrs. Companies/customers that have a “general waiver as issued by the Suriname government” that require products and/or services must communicate same to their assigned sales representative and instructions for pick-up will be provided.

Production:

Considering the importance of disinfection/cleaning products(CIC) and raw materials for bakeries(VSH Foods) all production activities are operational taking into consideration the COVID 19 measures in place to protect the health and wellbeing of our employees. Sales of products can only be done via email/phone and delivery of products will be arranged between 08:00-15:00hrs in line with lock down guidelines. Special delivery arrangements will be made for companies that have a “general waiver as issued by the Suriname government”. Customers will not be served at the factory locations.

The following COVID 19 measures are in place:

- **In line with all regulations and guidance from local and international authorities the business locations have implemented stringent contact measures limiting personal contact between employees and/or suppliers/customers. Extra sanitizing and hygienic cleaning activities are carried out to prevent work floor contamination.**
- **Those employees that can work from home have been facilitated to do so.**
- **Required direct contact between employees and customers/suppliers have been restricted and all are encouraged to communicate via email or phone. Facial coverings are required when visiting office and/or terminal locations.**

The VSH Group will continue to make every effort to service our customers but possible response delays can occur. For those customers that require urgent attention and are experiencing delays through the respective company email/phone contacts, please email to info@vshunited.com for extra support services.

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