

# TOP 10 SUPPLY CHAIN DISRUPTIONS IN 2015

Industries in every sector have incurred substantial losses from a broad range of disruptions.

## PORT EXPLOSION IN CHINA



The explosions from **3,000 tons of highly hazardous chemicals** devastated the port of Tianjin. **The automotive sector was badly hit**, and most of the **285 'Fortune Global 500' companies** present in Tianjin were impacted.

## CHENNAI FLOODS



Plant operations stopped and supplies were exhausted as flood waters closed over Chennai. Overall damages were estimated to exceed **\$1 billion**.

## STRIKE AT NHAVA SHEVA PORT



Go-slows and strikes by crane operators and truck drivers halted almost all operations, creating **vast cargo backlogs and congesting road routes**. Emergency surcharges added to the cost of disruption.

## TURKISH GOODS HELD UP AT THE BORDER



Following the downing of a Russian jet by Turkish forces, geopolitical tensions led to **1,250 cargo trucks** carrying Turkish goods being held up at the Russian border while **800 containers** awaited clearance at seaports.

## MOMBASA PORT STRIKE



The strike involving some **5,000 workers disrupted multiple industries** – with fuel imports and agricultural exports hardest hit – and utterly paralyzed cargo clearance. Trade into neighboring countries was also disrupted.

## INDUSTRIAL ACTION BY BRAZILIAN TRUCKERS



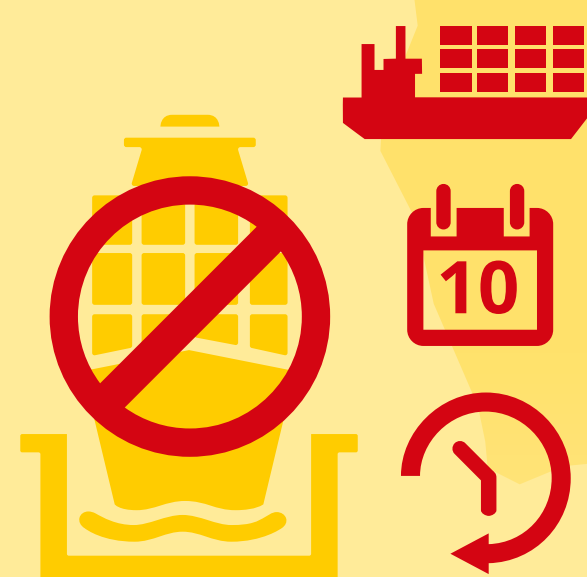
Drivers either refused to work or blockaded roads across the entire country. The pork and poultry industry experienced losses estimated at **\$184 million in February alone**.

## CHILEAN CUSTOMS STOPPAGES



Significant losses from customs stoppages leading to congestion, long lines of stationary trucks, and abandoned containers were estimated in the region of **\$100m to the private sector**.

## PANAMA CANAL CONGESTION



Ocean carriers had to cancel services and make costly adjustments. **Delays of up to 10 days** were experienced in late October and early November by container ships on both the Atlantic and Pacific sides.

## CATEGORY 5 HURRICANE IN MEXICO



Thousands of people were evacuated, and **airports and transportation hubs were closed** in advance of Hurricane Patricia, the most intense tropical cyclone ever recorded in the Western Hemisphere.

## USA TRANSPORT GRIPPED BY EXTREME WINTER WEATHER



Every form of transport in the USA was impacted by **extreme winter weather** in February 2015. Power was lost, flights were cancelled, and roads, trains, buses and ferries ground to a halt.

*\*Note: The list is based on comprehensive **DHL Resilience360 data**. Assessing over 258,000 records from the Resilience360 platform in 2015, DHL analysts have identified the top 10 disruptive events. These are listed below in geographical order, from east to west around the world.*