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BREAKING NEWS – the ongoing crisis in the Persian Gulf is disrupting many established trade routes

The disruption of traditional trade routes in the Persian Gulf will affect not only crude oil and fertilizers. We will also feel the impact on other products sooner or later.
Global supply chains could be disrupted.

Panic buying is currently driving up prices, and surcharges for fuel and energy are ultimately being passed on to consumers.

The Strait of Hormuz remains closed and is virtually impassable. Hundreds of container ships are stranded on both sides of the strait in the Persian Gulf, waiting to be rescued. The ongoing war is sending shockwaves through supply chains worldwide.

In Asia, some production sites are already shutting down due to a lack of raw materials and basic products that are normally imported from the war-torn region.

Purchasers and supply chain managers are working flat out. The situation and available shipping capacities, as well as the directly related container prices, are changing daily. Securing shipping capacity long-term has become impossible.
Currently, there are no supply problems in Germany – but this will change in the long term if the war continues. The entire market is going crazy!

Agriculture and Food

The fertilizer shortage is disastrous for the global food supply. Reduced fertilizer use will lead to below-average yields in the late summer harvest.
The prices of staple foods like wheat, corn, and rice have already risen significantly.
Rising fuel prices will also impact agricultural prices for the new harvest.

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Alternative Sources

Since Corona crisis, we have continuously expanded local and regional cultivation to provide an alternative to imported raw materials.

This investment is now paying off. Due to rising global prices for raw materials and import logistics, locally grown produce from domestic farms and controlled contract farming is becoming significantly more competitive than imported goods.

Therefore, you should also consider switching to local cultivation as soon as possible. While the area / field planning for the new sowing season is largely complete, there are still opportunities – within the framework of crop rotations – to generate additional areas for contract farming.

Losers and Winners

For many branches of the processing industry, the following applies: If the Iran war does not end within the next few weeks, the globally interconnected supply chains will change.
Import shipments can still be managed, albeit with an acceptable delay in scheduling. However, if the war continues, the import situation will change drastically.

Therefore, consider your procurement strategy now and let's discuss the release of local produce as soon as possible.

Just-in-time production without stockpiling will no longer be viable in the short or long term.

The agaSAAT team and your direct contacts are available to answer any questions you may have.

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