

CMTC Checklist: Supply Chain Disruption Planning



CMTC Urges Importance of Supply Chain Disruption Planning

As the COVID-19 health crisis impacts global supply chains, CMTC is stressing the importance of having a plan in place prior to disruptions to your supply chain. The following checklist can help your company react to and prepare for disruptions.

If your supply chain is already impacted:

- Let CMTC know so we can advise of available resources or support
- Consider short-term and long-term impacts when making decisions (your ability to make sales, impacts on production schedule, staffing, etc.)
- Realize alternative suppliers are probably getting similar requests from other companies and have capacity limits and/or higher prices
- Contact CMTC to see if we are aware of any alternative suppliers within California or nationally through the Manufacturing Extension Partnership National Network™

If you suspect there may be disruptions to your supply chain:

- Contact your suppliers, carriers, forwarders and brokers immediately to confirm
- If possible, build inventories of your short raw materials and secure production and transport capacity from your supply chain partners
- Start sourcing alternative suppliers as needed
- Identify a resource at your company to monitor the crisis and potential impacts to your supply chain

Preparing for the next disruption:

- Conduct a Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) analysis to revisit overseas sourcing
- Conduct a risk assessment of your supply chain and implement changes to handle risks
- Consider dual sourcing (locally and overseas) for critical components
- Have a disaster response plan in place
- Have a process to monitor global events to identify potential supply chain disruptions early

Other Considerations

- Communication is key—talk to your customers, suppliers, carriers, forwarders and brokers about potential supply chain disruptions, and how you can work together to mitigate issues
- Remember that the impacts vary across the global supply chain, so local suppliers can also be affected based on their sources of supply
- Travel and workforce issues overseas can impact your local supply chain
- Remember that you face competition for global product and transport resources

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