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To our Valued Customers,

As Transport Canada continues their efforts to monitor the presence of North Atlantic right whales, speed restrictions will again be implemented in 2020 for vessels sailing through the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Effective April 28th and extending through to November 15th, depending on whale sightings these temporary speed restrictions will be put in place in key shipping lanes that Oceanex normally transits. This means that mandatory slowdowns will be in effect if there are whale sightings, and conversely the restrictions would be lifted if there are no sightings.

Oceanex has always been very cognizant of its responsibility to promote navigation safety and the protection of the marine environment, so we will again take the necessary action to comply with the government order while still providing our customers with reliable, on-time service. As such, Oceanex vessels may need to operate at reduced speeds during a portion of voyages between Montreal and St. John's. To mitigate the impact of this on our weekly sailing schedule, our vessels will need to transit at faster speeds when operating outside of the affected zones. These vessel speed adjustments will impact both our terminal operating hours and vessel operations, resulting in an increase in labour costs loading and discharging cargo in port and fuel consumption during sailing.

As a result, Oceanex will be implementing a temporary Marine Protection Surcharge for all shipments to and from Montreal. This will take effect for all Oceanex sailings beginning April 28th and all future sailings to/from Montreal until November 15th, 2020. Further details of this surcharge will be communicated in the coming week.

In the interim, for inquiries related to this Transport Canada imposed slowdown, please refer to the following information <https://www.tc.gc.ca/en/services/marine/navigation-marine-conditions/protecting-north-atlantic-right-whales-collisions-ships-gulf-st-lawrence.html>. Thank you for your attention to this matter; we look forward to continuing to provide you with reliable transportation solutions throughout Eastern Canada.

Regards,
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