

GLOBAL CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION

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CAUTIOUS STEPS BACK TO NORMALITY

While the corona virus spread continues to soar in the USA, South America and Africa, the numbers of corona virus infections in Europe, Asia and the Middle East seem to be stable. Countries like Germany, Spain, Italy or Greece have started to lift their restrictions. Even the United Kingdom, which has some of the highest numbers of infections and deaths from the corona virus in Europe, are slowly re-opening the economy.

However, this is only one side of the coin. Looking at Asia and to what extent the corona virus still impacts the economy and lives of people there, it is clear that this global crisis will still take many more months to first battle against this virus and then recover from it.

We also monitor the increasing corona virus spread, especially throughout South America, with great concern. In close collaboration and communication with our local offices and staff we decide on a day-to-day basis which measures we need to take to protect our employees while remaining operational.

OUR APPROACH

While global trade and logistics continue to face manifold challenges, we at Bertling keep monitoring the situation around the corona virus, its spread and impact on global supply chains, our operations, employees and business partners closely.

In line with the recently announced liftings of certain protective measures in several countries, we at Bertling also started looking into ways and options for our employees to slowly return to the office and to stay safe in doing so. We prepared some general procedures and instructions, which should be completed in line with local guidelines and governmental advice to get our offices prepared. The ultimate objective is to keep our staff safe and healthy.

Corporate business travel restrictions for meetings, sales visits and events remain unchanged until further notice as well as regulations on hygiene, quarantine and sickness in line with local regulations and advice.

In case the situation changes with the numbers of corona virus infections going up again in the related countries, our local operational continuity plans will be applied to ensure we have sufficient resources in place to keep operations and our usual services going.

If required, we will look for alternative transport modes and routes to handle your transports. In some countries we have broadened our services to supply e.g. essential medical goods while employees e.g. in Asia volunteer to support local communities and health organizations.

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Any inquiries and questions regarding your shipment or any local disruptions caused by the corona virus can be addressed to your usual Bertling contacts. Here you can find the contact details of all our global offices: <https://www.bertling.com/worldwide-offices/>.

You can be sure that we will continue to leverage our global network, workforce and suppliers to help our valued customers and business partners through these uncertain times.

Please stay safe and all the best!

Kind regards,



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