



# ISSUE BRIEFING

## Severe Flooding Affecting Peru

The worst flooding to hit Peru in two decades is ravaging the country causing landslides, wiping out bridges and destroying highways and crops. Caused by a sudden warming of Pacific waters, these down pours have resulted in 10 times more rain than usual and left tens of thousands homeless disrupting travel, transport, work and schools.

The rain has broken records in the north and approximately half the country has declared a state of emergency. Drinking water, electricity and public transportation are not available in many areas. Compounded by heavy amounts of rain falling in short periods of time, roads have been wiped out isolating some small towns.

In addition to the humanitarian impact, this severe weather is affecting transportation and the movement of cargo in and out of the country:

### Roadways:

- In Lima, 2 of the 3 main roads connecting the city with the rest of the country are blocked from rising flood waters.

### Customs:

- Callao/Lima – this area is experiencing some delays due to shortages of personnel but they are trying to maintain a regular work schedule. Basic services such as water supply have been affected.
- Paita – Internet connections as well as basic services such as water and power have been affected.

### Inland transport:

- Road and rail have been severely impacted in many parts of the country.
- Callao/Lima – Panamericana Norte has been partially blocked with some bridges wiped out.
- Carretera Central—transit is restricted with complete road blockages in some areas.
- Ica and Nazca—minor restrictions are in place in the south with authorities recommending reduced roadway usage.
- Heavy haul transit has been restricted and permits are delayed.

### Courier service:

- They are attempting to maintain a normal schedule but there have been delivery delays.

### Ports:

- Callao Port—no service disruptions have been reported.
- Paita Port—no disruptions but flooding has affected surrounding roadways causing delays for vehicles entering and exiting the port.
- Special service from Callao to Paita has been set up. The Peruvian Navy is using Paita Port and given full priority upon arrival temporarily restricting other services.

### Lima Airport:

- International flights are departing on time.

- Domestic flights are experiencing delays and some are overbooked.

UTC's Peru office anticipates service disruptions but will attempt to mitigate the impact on customers. Hugo Morales, UTC's General Manager in Peru, can be reached for further information and questions. We will continue to monitor and keep you informed of developing conditions.



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