



# Maritime Transport Alert

## *Suspension of vehicle deliveries to Martinique from Asia*

**The CCIE informs its customers and partners, and alerts local authorities, that the Japanese shipping company Mitsui O.S.K. Lines (MOL) has announced the suspension of its calls at the port of Fort-de-France.**

In a letter dated February 20, 2025, MOL explains this decision due to the events that occurred in October 2024:

**The Port of Fort-de-France suffered damage during the October 2024 riots, including the burning of stored vehicles. Public safety has deteriorated significantly due to protests, arson and looting in the area surrounding the port.**

**In these circumstances, we believe that there is a risk to our vessels, personnel and cargo. For safety and security reasons, we have therefore taken the decision to suspend the call in Martinique (Port of Fort-de-France) for our vessel operating the Japan-Caribbean service at the end of March."**

**This suspension directly impacts vehicle deliveries from Asia, which constitute an essential part of our supplies.** MOL has specified that a reassessment of the situation will be carried out in April 2025 in order to consider a possible resumption of its operations in Martinique. Aware of the inconvenience caused to our customers, we are committed to exploring all possible alternative solutions in order to mitigate the impact.

Global maritime trade is carried out by a small number of large companies. **For an island economy, the consequences of the loss of one of these carriers can be significant, ranging from a reduction in the choice of products offered to additional costs linked to logistics becoming more complex.** Goods could, for example, be unloaded in Guadeloupe before being rerouted to Martinique.

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*A Toyota importer since 1972, CCIE Automobiles also distributes the Suzuki brand.*

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