



Hello CTS Clients,

We want to update you on some new events that have the potential to impact your business. As I am sure many of you have heard, port workers across the U.S. from Maine to Texas have gone on strike today. While items like perishable goods will be impacted the most, the strike has the potential to disrupt supply chains relevant to all of us across the manufacturing industry. Imported products and raw materials may experience extended lead times due to the port closure, and manufacturers may be forced to air in certain products for increased prices in order to escape these lead times.

Additionally, hurricane Helene has hit the small North Carolina town of Spruce Pine which could massively impact the global supply chain for microchips and solar panels. Spruce Pine is the U.S.'s sole source of high-purity quartz, a crucial component of semiconductors. As the town digs out from Helene, the high-purity quartz supply will be at risk and could cause a ripple effect leading to production delays.

Be sure to stay in front of how the port strike and hurricane Helene may impact the plans for any products and materials crucial to your designs, and keep them in mind when sourcing new ones. We hope business is going well and, as always, let us know if you need anything!

All the best,
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