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At approximately 8:00 AM local time (7:00 AM UTC) on March 22, two bombs were set off in the departure gates of Belgium's airport Brussel-Zaventem, followed by an explosion at the Maalbeek Metro station in Brussels.

As a result, all flights from Brussel-Zaventem have been cancelled, and the airport will remain closed through at least Wednesday, 3/23/16. All incoming flights to Brussels are diverted mainly to Frankfurt and Paris, which may lead to delays in cargo shipments throughout the European Union over the next few days.

The Belgian capital is currently under lockdown, and additional police and border security forces have been deployed across the city, as well as across neighboring cities in Germany, France and the Netherlands—expect delays in all airports. Britain has also increased security in several locations, including the Gatwick and Heathrow airports. Two prominent railway services have discontinued operations following the attacks—Eurostar has suspended its London-Brussels service, and Thalys has cancelled operations throughout the European Union.

KWE's Brussels colleagues are reported to be safe and unharmed; however, all phone lines are currently unavailable and the office can only be reached via e-mail. Customers who have shipments going to Europe may experience cargo flow interruptions due to this incident. Our personnel are working closely with local authorities to mitigate delay times. For pressing inquiries and updates, please reach your local KWE branch for information.

KWE expresses their deepest sympathies to the people who have been affected by this attack, and to the country of Belgium.

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