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## **PUERTO CABELLO: LONG DELAYS AT ANCHORAGE FOR VESSELS CARRYING SHIPMENTS OF FOOD**

Your Managers' P&I Correspondents in Venezuela, Venepandi, C.A., have recently drawn attention to increased delays being experienced by vessels awaiting discharge at Puerto Cabello.

Vessels awaiting berth have remained at anchorage for periods varying from weeks to months. In the most extreme cases, more than three months of wait time has been reported. Prolonged storage of cargo in a vessel's holds created by these delays exacerbates the risk of cargo damage or loss.

[Venepandi's Circular- 042](#), dated September 21, 2018 is attached. It outlines precautionary measures recommended to all vessels and crews, with a particular focus on vessels loaded with food shipments such as wheat, corn, soybeans, sugar and rice.

Your Managers recommend that Members review the attached information and be guided accordingly. They also thank Venepandi, C.A., Caracas, Venezuela, for this update.