

We are experiencing some temporary shortages with macaroon coconut. Van Amerongen normally keeps a 3 - 4 month inventory on hand and that has, until now, been a more than adequate buffer. The following circumstances have caused supply interruptions that were unavoidable:

- Four typhoons last fall in the Philippines created some crop shortages. Van Amerongen had more than adequate stocks to compensate for this but then:
- Shipments from the Philippines became delayed further due to product shortages
- Canadian National RR went on strike. It takes 35 days for water/rail shipments but 60 days for all water shipments to reach the East Coast of North America
- Canadian Pacific RR has picked up some of the shipments from the CN strike but not nearly enough
- There was an avalanche in Vancouver that has seriously interrupted all rail shipments

We have product in rail cars on the west coast we're trying to get rolling but the rail companies have not been very cooperative to this point. Van Amerongen is doing their utmost to get more product and repack some product in order to keep our customers supplied with the great service they've come to expect from us. We'll keep you posted on any further developments in this supply situation. Meanwhile we sincerely apologize for any inconveniences to you and your customers and assure you that every option is being explored to alleviate this situation.