

Challenges related to the extreme weather "Ingunn"

It has been a weather-heavy start to the year 2024. "Ingunn" has raged over large parts of Norway in recent days.

We are experiencing record-strong winds in the strength of storms and hurricane with heavy rain and snow, leading to significant challenges for our logistics. There is convoy driving, closed roads, mountain passes, and ferry connections throughout the country.



Drammen Port and deliveries to South/Eastern Norway:

Efforts are continually being made to clear away the snow that continues to fall at Drammen Port. This is a time-consuming task where everyone available have been equipped with a shovels and broom. We are also grateful for the personnel who have been on site from the importers to assist with the snow clearing of their brand cars.

Recently, there have also been significant temperature changes and freezing rain, resulting in very slippery roads and challenging driving conditions, leading to substantial traffic congestion.

The Extreme Weather «Ingunn»:

The Meteorological Institute has issued red danger warnings in several areas from the West to Northern Norway, which is the highest level of danger warning in Norway.

The police advise against all travel on the roads, schools are closed, and everyone is urged to stay indoors due to the danger to life and health.

We have experienced record-strong winds far exceeding hurricane strength. There have been reports of several cases of cars being flipped over, as well as roofs, trees, and sheds. There is a significant risk of loose objects in the air, and the damage potential is extensive.

Ferries, air transport, and all public transportation have been suspended in several places due to the weather.

Axess has found it necessary to plan its transport missions based on where it is safe to travel to avoid accidents, damaged vehicles, or trailers getting stuck.

Mountain passes between East and Western Norway:

The extreme weather has led to the closure of most mountain passes and ferry connections due to snow and wind.

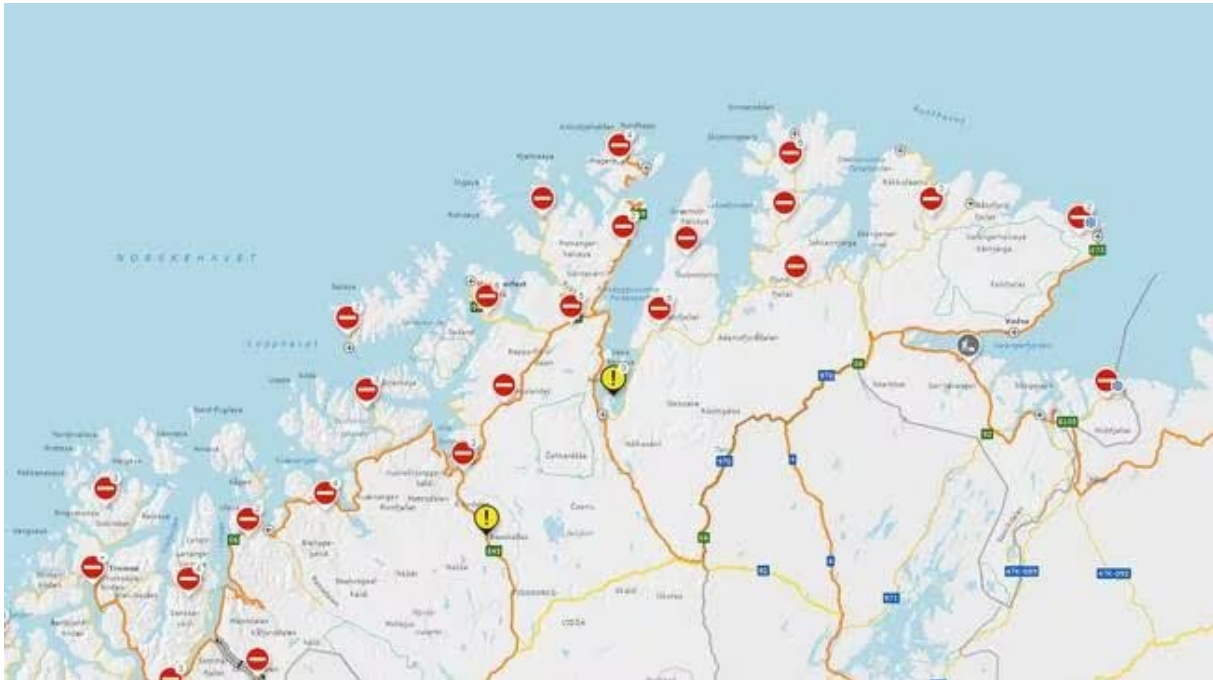
Central Norway and Trøndelag:

Train transport to Trondheim "Dovrebanen", is closed until the summer of 2024 due to a bridge collapse in Gudbrandsdalen following the extreme weather "Hans." Currently the entire region is heavily affected by the extreme weather "Ingunn."

Northern Norge:

Train transport to Narvik is still closed following the derailment of an ore train in Northern Sweden. The earliest possibility for reopening will be February 7th. Additional delays would not be surprising given the ongoing severe weather conditions in the area.





Safety for our drivers is our top priority, and we are relocating our trucks to areas where the risk is minimal. Axess continuously monitors the situation and appreciate the understanding for any delays, especially on vulnerable routes due to various recent weather-related challenges.

Best regards,

Axess Logistics