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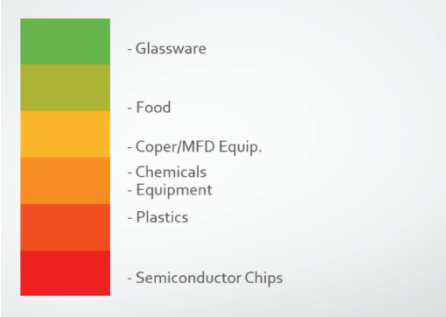
Supply Chain Disruptions & Recommendations

Supply chain issues continue to affect a number of commodities, making it difficult to procure certain goods and services. In this issue of the newsletter, we're highlighting categories and products currently affected … and sharing updates on categories that were previously affected but are now stabilizing.



Scientific & Research Category
Plastics, chemicals, equipment using chips, and personal protective equipment (PPE) are all experiencing long lead times due to high demand and issues with transportation. Glassware is stabilizing.
You should review your current inventory, and procure items needed through the remainder of 2021 as soon as possible. Medline has made significant changes to their transportation logistics to ensure quicker lead times and CU's primary supplier, Fisher Scientific, is shipping lab supplies more quickly than many industry competitors, but you should still place orders for the products below well ahead of projected need dates. Check our catalog suppliers first for necessary products. Issues finding items you need? Contact Scientific & Research Category Manager Bethany.Highfill@cu.edu.
PLASTICS (continued constraints)
Pipettes and Tips, Centrifuge Tubes, Media Bottles, Cryogenic Vials, Cell Culture Plastics, Plastic Tubing, Sharps Containers, Specimen Collection, Polypropylene (Bottles, Tubes, Racks, etc.)
EQUIPMENT USING COMPUTER CHIPS (continued significant constraints)
ULTs, Biosafety Cabinets, Centrifuges
CHEMICALS (continued constraints)
Production Chemicals/GMP life science (salts/buffers, tris, HEPES), Polypropylene-based Chemicals, Ethyl Acetate
SAFETY (PPE) (continued constraints)
Nitrile and Sterile Gloves, Apparel, Respiratory-N95, Sterile PPE, Spill Control, Packaging
GLASSWARE (stabilizing)
Disposable Glass (Tubes, Vials, Pipettes), Reusable Glass (Beakers, Flasks, Cylinders)

Information Technology (IT)
Laptops are experiencing long delays due to the tightened supply of semiconductor chips, as well as glass for displays. Lead times for laptops has increased significantly, some taking as long as three months. CU's primary supplier, Dell, is shipping laptops more quickly than many industry competitors, but you should still order these items well in advance. (CDW is another resource if Dell has substantial lead times.) Check these two catalog suppliers first for necessary products. Issues finding items you need? Contact IT Category Manager Bryan.Pasternak@cu.edu.
EQUIPMENT USING COMPUTER CHIPS (continued significant constraints)
Laptop Computers, Monitors
Workplace Solutions
The delivery of copier/MFD equipment is taking longer than usual due to ongoing impacts of COVID-19 on global manufacturing suppliers and transport. CU customers should expect delivery of devices ~5-7 weeks after the PO is received by Xerox or Konica Minolta. At this point in time, supplies (toner, staples, etc.) should not be affected.
Temporary labor services is also an impacted category due to a tight labor market affecting many different areas. You should work with the University's temporary labor suppliers to gain insights on what CU customers can expect. If you have questions or need assistance, contact Workplace Solutions Category Manager Annie.Becker@cu.edu.
For food-related issues or questions, contact Senior Purchasing Services Manager Shondel.Baum@cu.edu.
COPIER/MFD EQUIPMENT (emerging constraint)
TEMPORARY LABOR SERVICES (emerging constraint due to tight labor market)
FOOD (continued constraints)
Flour and Wheat, Meat, Fruits and Vegetables, Fats and Oils

Concur Survey closes August 31

If you haven't already responded, we hope you'll take a few minutes to share your thoughts on how effectively Concur works for you and your department.
The 2021 survey is available now and remains open through August 31.
We look forward to your feedback!