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China's COVID-19 lockdown is inflaming the world's supply chain backlog, with 1 in 5 container ships stuck outside congested ports

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Ships have been piling up outside Shanghai, the world's largest port, and other container docks across China as authorities have forced multiple cities into [lockdown](#) to counter the country's worst COVID outbreak since the pandemic began.

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Beyond the port of Shanghai, restrictions on cross-border trucking and movement throughout the city have prevented workers from off-loading and on-boarding shipping containers, creating delays.