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Dear Valued Customer,

As many of you are aware, the current geo-political conflict has significantly impacted exports out of the Black Sea Region. Ukraine is the single largest producer of sunflower oil in the world, and the war has caused their ports to be locked down. Supermarkets in Spain have added more olive oils and pomace to their shelf because sunflower oil is not available. Turkey has enacted an export ban on all food (olive oils, sun) for the month of Ramadan.

The domino effect of not having sunflower oil in that region has really caused major supply chain disruptions and with the inability to meet orders our suppliers are keeping all options on the table, including force majeure. At this time, the items that are potentially affected by any such claim are: Organic Sun Oils, Expeller HO Sun and Organic Canola Oil. Our domestic supply chains for Mid-Oleic and HO Sun will not be affected.

It is still unclear if contracts and commitments will be delayed or cancelled if the force majeure becomes a reality. And due to this potential event, that would be out of our control, Catania Oils will review our contracts with you. We are actively in discussions with our supply chain to better understand this situation as it continues to unfold.

Lastly, new crop plantings for 22/23' in Ukraine are certainly at risk. We do not know how much if any of the crop will be planted. Only time will tell as the planting window is closing soon.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all the victims and families involved in this war. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

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