

Supply Chain Advisory

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Venezuela Twin Earthquakes

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About this briefing:

We assessed the Venezuela twin earthquakes and concluded that impact varies significantly by operator type. This is a major humanitarian crisis. For most supply chain operators it is a situation to monitor rather than act on — but for specific operator types the exposure is real and immediate. This briefing explains the distinction honestly.

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Confidence note

This briefing reflects the situation as of 25 June 2026, less than 36 hours after the event. Key facts — particularly Puerto Cabello port status and the full extent of power outages — are not yet confirmed from authoritative sources.

We have assessed what is known; we have flagged what is not. If your assessment of your own footprint differs from the categories above, trust your own knowledge of your network over our generalisation.

MONITOR ONLY	LIKELY AFFECTED	DIRECTLY EXPOSED
Most manufacturing and logistics operators Most manufacturers with no in-country presence Logistics operators not calling Venezuelan ports Retailers not sourcing Venezuelan commodities	Consumer goods with in-country operations Food, beverage, and consumer goods companies with Venezuelan manufacturing or distribution Importers routing goods via Maiquetía or Puerto Cabello Oil and commodity buyers (medium-sour crude)	Energy infrastructure service operators Companies with active service contracts on Venezuelan power or oil infrastructure Personnel on the ground in the affected region

● What Happened?

Twin earthquakes struck northern Venezuela on 24 June 2026: a **M7.2 foreshock followed 39 seconds later by a M7.5 mainshock** — the largest to affect Venezuela since 1900 [C, USGS]. At least 188 people have been confirmed killed and more than 1,500 injured; the confirmed toll is expected to rise, with USGS modelling indicating a substantial probability of final fatalities in the thousands [C, USGS PAGER].

More than 200 people remain trapped beneath roughly 250 collapsed or damaged buildings, with close to 3,000 families affected [C, Al Jazeera / NBC News].

The coastal state of La Guaira is the hardest-hit area and has been declared a disaster zone. Simón Bolívar International Airport (Maiquetía) is closed with no reopening timeline announced. The main road corridor linking Caracas to the coast is compromised by landslides. Power and telecoms outages are widespread across the northern region. International search-and-rescue teams from the US, UN agencies, and regional neighbours are on the ground [C, US State Dept / Al Jazeera].

This is primarily a humanitarian emergency. The rest of this briefing focuses on the supply chain picture, which varies significantly depending on your specific footprint in Venezuela.

● 2 What We Know About the Supply Chain Picture

● For most manufacturing and logistics operators

Venezuela's integration into global manufacturing supply chains had already declined sharply through years of economic contraction. Most international manufacturing operations across automotive, electronics, and industrial sectors wound down substantially through the 2015–2020 period [A, corroborated by public corporate disclosures]. **For operators with no active presence in the country, the direct supply chain impact of this event is limited.** The watchpoints below are worth a quick check, but the most likely outcome is no operational action required.

● For consumer goods and food and beverage operators

The picture is different here. A number of major international consumer goods and food companies **maintained active Venezuelan manufacturing or distribution operations** through the economic downturn and continue to do so [C, ZoomInfo / Just Food]. **These operators face a genuine operational disruption:** facilities in the affected region may be damaged or without power, distribution networks are compromised by road and port access issues, and the airport closure removes the air freight option entirely. If your company has in-country production, distribution, or a significant local market presence in Venezuela, treat this as an active operational issue, not a background monitor.

● For energy and infrastructure service operators

This is the highest-exposure category. Some major European industrial companies hold **active service contracts on Venezuelan power and oil infrastructure** — including work on thermoelectric plants and oil production facilities [C, Venezuelanalysis / BlackRidge Research].

The earthquake has caused widespread power outages across northern Venezuela, directly disrupting the infrastructure these contracts relate to. **If your company has personnel on the ground or active contractual obligations tied to Venezuelan grid or oil infrastructure, this is an immediate operational situation** requiring direct contact with your in-country teams.

● 3 Watchpoints

WATCHPOINT	STATUS (25 JUN)	OUR READ
Maiquetía Airport	Closed — structural damage, no reopening timeline [C, VisaVerge]	Act. Reroute any air cargo via Bogotá, Panama City, or Miami now. No timeline for resumption.
Power and telecoms grid	Widespread outages across northern region [C, Caracas Chronicles]	Act if you have active infrastructure contracts — contact in-country teams immediately.
Caracas–La Guaira road corridor	Compromised — landslides [C, Caracas Chronicles]	Watch — only road link between capital and coast; no alternate route. Inland access blocked.
Puerto Cabello (main commercial port)	No confirmed damage or closure as of 25 Jun [A]	Watch — status unconfirmed; power disruption may affect operations even without structural damage.
Oil export terminals (José / Puerto La Cruz)	Unaffected per field reports [C, Polymer Update / Caliber.Az]	Likely unaffected — monitor for power-outage impact on crude output if grid fails to recover.
Aftershock risk	20+ aftershocks recorded; M6.5 recorded [C, USGS]	Watch — further structural damage possible; do not assume current status is stable.

● 4 Self-Check

Use this to confirm where you sit. If you tick nothing, monitor only. If you tick anything, contact your Prewave account team.

- In-country operations:** You have a facility, plant, office, or distribution hub in Venezuela.
- Active infrastructure contract:** You hold a service contract tied to Venezuelan power, oil, or telecoms infrastructure.
- Personnel on the ground:** You have employees or contractors currently in Venezuela.
- Import flows into Venezuela:** You ship goods into Venezuela by air (Maiquetía) or sea (Puerto Cabello or other ports).
- Supplier presence:** A Tier-1 or Tier-2 supplier operates in La Guaira, Carabobo, Aragua, Miranda, or Falcón states.
- Crude oil sourcing:** You source crude from Venezuelan export terminals or have contracts with Venezuelan state energy entities.
- Compliance review needed:** You have any financial relationship with a Venezuelan entity — verify current status with your compliance team independently of this briefing.

● 5 What Would Change This Assessment

We will issue an updated advisory if: structural damage is confirmed at Puerto Cabello; a major aftershock causes additional infrastructure damage; power outages extend beyond 10 days and begin to affect crude output materially; or the death toll and displacement figures indicate a broader economic disruption than currently assessed. The situation is less than 36 hours old and the picture is still developing. Treat this briefing as a starting point, not a final word.

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