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In this discussion, three of the items available in the local store due to globalization include chocolates, tea, and coffee. Globalization has made it possible for America to import these products from other countries, making them available in the local stores. Global trade ensures that small store owners restock their shops with products imported and needed by the masses in significant quantities. Nevertheless, the covid-19 pandemic has disrupted the global supply chain, making store owners suffer because they cannot get adequate supplies, especially imported products like coffee, chocolates, and tea. Following the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, many countries closed their borders and suspended flights. This move led to products missing from the local stores; key among them was chocolate and coffee.

The remaining quantities were sold at exorbitant rates making the average household suffer when unable to afford it. At the same time, events in other countries affect the availability of some products in the local store. For instance, cocoa used to make chocolates is mainly imported from western African countries, with Ivory Coast the leading exported to the United States (Voora et al., 2019). West-African countries like Ivory Coast are prone to civil wars that affect the availability of coca imports, which affects the availability of cocoa for chocolate production. In the end, the local stores do not get adequate chocolate supplies. I am also surprised that coffee is only available to the American market due to globalization. The U.S. is not a major producer of coffee, but it is a huge consumer. California and Hawaii are the only two states that can produce coffee, but not to the level that can satisfy the existing market. Based on my analysis, the events that can significantly affect the global supply chain more often are wars and natural disasters. Wars create instability, and people cannot work in production facilities that

produce products for export. Also, natural disasters disrupt transportation routes, destroy existing infrastructure, and render products unconsumable.

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