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General Rate Increase – Hong Kong, China, Japan and Korea

Please be advised that the shipping lines are looking to implement a further rate restoration for all shipments ex China, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea and Taiwan to Australia

At this time the rate restoration will be

Per 20	\$ 250 USD
Per 40	\$ 500 USD
LCL	\$ 10 USD per CBM

The effective date is noted as 15th January 2010

China Carriers Reduce Space to Maintain Rates

The main China & Japan shipping consortiums have taken drastic steps to maintain Freight rates.

Effective Mid December the consortium have "rationalized" their vessel sharing programs & significantly reduced the size of vessels operating on the Australia trade.

These moved effectively cut available shipping space on these services by some 30-40%.

It is now clear that the shipping lines simply will not allow base freight rates to drop to the ridiculous levels experienced in 08 and through 09.

This action has then resulted in the General rate Increase announcement listed above.

General Rate Increase – South East Asia and Sub-Continent

Please be advised that the shipping lines are looking to implement a further rate restoration for all shipments ex South East Asia and the Sub-Continent to Australia

Countries are as follows Vietnam, Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines, Indonesia, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

At this time the rate restoration will be

Per 20	\$ 250USD
Per 40	\$ 500USD
LCL	\$ 10 USD per cbm

The effective date is noted as 1st January 2010

Further Bunker Rate Factor (BAF) Increases

Please be advised that the shipping lines have proposed further increases ex South East Asia, Middle East and the Sub-Continent to Australia.

Effective 1 January 2010 ex above the new BAF amount will be USD 555 per TEU

Effective 1 January 2010 ex Europe to Australia the new BAF amount will be EUR 545 per TEU

Suez Canal Surcharge to be Increased – Ex Europe to Australia

We have received advice that all shipping lines will be applying increases to the Suez Canal transit surcharge effective from 15th January 2010. This surcharge applies to all services ex Europe which transit the Suez Canal en- route to Australia. The Suez Canal Surcharge will be:

USD37.50/TEU (Ex Mediterranean Ports to Australia)

EUR25.00/TEU (Ex North Europe to Australia)

Increase to Brisbane Arbitrary Charge – Direct Shipping Services ex USA to Australia

Please be advised that any Shipping Lines operating direct services from the USA to Australia will be applying an increase to the Brisbane arbitrary charge to be implemented from 1st January 2010.

The increase to the Brisbane arbitrary charge will be reflected as in increase to Brisbane rates of:

Per 20	\$ 600 USD
Per 40	\$ 800 USD
LCL	\$ 16 USD per cbm

Sydney Port Container Volumes Peak at Record Levels

SYDNEY Ports' full container imports has pushed total container throughput to a record high of 176,900 TEU for October 2009.

The total container volume has increased by 5.8% from the same period last year with China, the largest trading partner, contributing to 62% of the total container trade growth.

According to Sydney Ports, the strong Australian dollar was the primary driver of the container trade growth.

The export of empty containers however experienced a 9.9% slowdown compared to the same period last year due to the weakness in full container imports and strength of full container exports.

Australia Enters Into Free Trade Agreement with NZ and Other SE Asian Nations.

The largest Free Trade Agreement between Australia, New Zealand and Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) has been agreed to. SE Asian countries at this time are Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam

The new agreement will come into effect in January and will gradually eliminate Customs Tariff Duties on many goods to and from the agreed countries by 2020.

The rules of origin will vary, dependant on the product but each importer will be required to show a Certificate of Origin to support their claim. The Certificates of Origin will be issued by an Issuing Authority of the exporting country member but no authorised bodies for the member countries have been confirmed as yet.

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