

October 2, 2020

Dear Valued Customer,

**AU & NZ: Asia General Rate Increase (GRI)**

Carriers have advised of the following General Rate Increase. These apply to imports for sea freight from:

Region	Affected Countries	Carrier – Port to Port	GRI	Effective
North East Asia and South East Asia to New Zealand	China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Korea, Japan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam	ANL	USD 150 / TEU	15.10.20
North East Asia to Australia	Korea, China, Hong Kong and Japan	HYUNDAI	USD 300 / TEU	15.10.20
North East Asia to Australia	Korea, China, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Japan	Hamburg Süd	USD 350 / TEU per dry	16.10.20
North East Asia and South East Asia to New Zealand	China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Korea, Japan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam	Hamburg Süd	USD 150 / TEU per dry	16.10.20
North East Asia and South East Asia to Australia	China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Korea and Japan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam	MSC	USD 500 / TEU	15.10.20
South East Asia to Australia	ex/via Southeast Asia, South Asia, Indian-Sub continental and Middle East,	LCL	USD 20.00 per W/M or Minimum	15.10.20

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North East Asia to Australia	China, Korea, Taiwan, Japan and Hong Kong	LCL	USD 20.00 per W/M or Minimum	15.10.20
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## AU: Melbourne and Brisbane Port Congestion Surcharge (PCS)

The ocean carrier that provide service to Sydney, Australia have announced and filed a Port Congestion Surcharge (PCS) to the levels noted below. This surcharge is due to a combination of factors as carriers are experiencing heavy congestion at Melbourne and Brisbane, Australia terminals.

	Effective	Carrier	FCL
Export All Regions (except US)	B/L October 15, 2020	MSC	USD 300 / TEU
Export to US	Cargo Possession October 29, 2020	MSC	USD 300 / TEU
Import from Europe, Turkey, Israel	B/L October 15, 2020	MSC	USD 300 / TEU
Import from US	Cargo Possession October 29, 2020	MSC	USD 300 / TEU

## AU: USA General Rate Increase (GRI)

Carriers have advised of the following General Rate Increase. These apply to imports for sea freight from:

Trade lane	Ocean Carrier	GRI	Effective
USA/CA – AUSYD	OOCL	USD 300 / TEU	24.10.20

## AU: Update – End to Industrial Action Nationally

We have received the below update from Patrick Terminals following the end of Industrial Action:

*“After a day and half of talks at the Fair Work Commission the MUA announced it would immediately end industrial action at Patrick terminals in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Fremantle.*

*Patrick CEO Michael Jovicic said he was pleased they had called off the damaging actions around Australia. Mr Jovicic said the union had inflicted unnecessary pain across the supply chain and had now walked away with nothing.*

*“Having lost in the court of public opinion they decided to retreat to fight another day.”*

*During the talks the MUA today rejected a generous offer of 1.5% pay increases for each year for 4 years with no changes to their current conditions or rosters.*

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*In addition, Patrick offered to hire 50 new workers at Port Botany to help clear the backlog of containers and improve productivity. We also offered job guarantees with no forced redundancies for the life of the agreement.*

*Mr Jovicic said he was amazed the MUA had rejected the offer.*

*“At least now we can get on with clearing the backlog which exceeds more than 100,000 containers around Australia. My operations team estimate it will take between two and three months to return to normal.”  
“Hopefully this means we will avoid shortages of goods at Christmas time.”*

## **AU: Invoicing Description Change – Quarantine to now read Biosecurity**

The Quarantine Act 1908 has been replaced by The Biosecurity Act– as a result, we have decided to change our internal system to reflect this change. Please note the word “quarantine” will no longer appear on our invoices and this will be replaced by the term “biosecurity”.

This change applies to the following charge descriptions:

- Biosecurity Formalities
- Biosecurity Compliance Fee
- Biosecurity Depot Facility Fee
- Biosecurity Direction Fee
- Biosecurity Heat Treatment Fee
- Biosecurity Monitoring Fee
- Biosecurity Inspection Fee
- Biosecurity Permit / Cargo Online Lodgement System (COLS) / Imported Food Inspection Program (IFIP)
- Biosecurity Radiation Fee
- Biosecurity Tailgate Inspect

Thank you for being our Valued Customer. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the notices held within, please contact your Key Account Manager or a C.H. Robinson representative.

Sincerely,  
C.H. Robinson.

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