

April 21, 2020

Dear Valued Customer,

AU & NZ: Rate Update

Import Sea Freight – Peak Season Surcharge (PSS) Removal

Carriers have advised of the following Peak Season Surcharge removal. This applies to imports for sea freight from:

Region	Affected Countries	Carriers	PSS	Effective Date
Europe	Europe	MSC	USD 200 / 400 dry container (20 & 40)	23.04.2020

AU: Conclusion of Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) Season

As Australia comes to the end of the BMSB season, we can confirm the following:

- Goods shipped between September 1, 2019, and April 30, 2020 need to be treated, and will be referred for intervention if they arrive by May 31, 2020 (inclusive).
- For goods that are shipped prior to April 30, 2020 and arrive after May 31, 2020, they may be subject to intervention as required.

AU: Deferred Goods and Services Tax (GST) Scheme for Australian Importers

The Australian Tax Office (ATO) has provided the following suggestion to importers affected by the challenging economic conditions created by the outbreak of COVID-19.

Importers may apply to use the deferred GST scheme, which defers the GST payable on imports until the first activity statement lodged after the goods are imported. To get the most benefit take action in April.

If you move from quarterly to monthly GST reporting during April, you should be able to access the deferred GST scheme for imports shortly after lodging a successful GST deferral application. However, if you delay your request until May or June then GST deferral can't start until July 1, 2020.

GST monthly reporting will also give you quicker access to any GST refunds you are entitled to.

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How to access the deferred GST scheme

To access the deferred GST scheme, follow these steps:

1. Change your GST reporting from quarterly to monthly using your tax or BAS agent, myGov account or by phoning the ATO on 13 28 66. If you already lodge monthly, go to step 3.
2. Wait 24 hours for processing to occur.
3. Apply for the deferred GST scheme – this must be done by the person authorised for tax purposes on the ATO's system.

If you are successful you should be notified within 24 hours.

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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