

August 2022



# OUTSIDE THE BOX

Hi All,

Welcome to another market update – goods news – rates have reduced again for the month of August, which is a welcome change.

As always, we appreciate your support and understanding.

***\*\*\* Please note that our office is closed for the Ekka Public Holiday on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August \*\*\****

***\*\* Christmas is not far away, so make sure that you get your orders in ASAP so that container / shipping space can be booked \*\****

## **Chinese Shipping Market**

- Rates have reduced for the month of August by approximately USD200-250 per 20GP & USD400-500 per 40GP/HQ
- We are expecting freight rates to begin to increase in September
- We can offer rates direct into Townsville ex China, so if you want a quote just email Melissa – [sales@auscus.com.au](mailto:sales@auscus.com.au)

- Vessels are booking up quickly, space is tight
- Ongoing tension in the East China Sea due to recent military exercises is causing widespread vessel delays
- If you require an NOR (non-operation Reefer, a slightly smaller container at a reduced rate) rate for NON-DG cargo only, please email Melissa – [sales@auscus.com.au](mailto:sales@auscus.com.au)

### **FCL & LCL Deliveries**

- **Container Detention charges reach record highs**
  - We wish to remind everyone to be mindful of detention and try to have the container emptied the day it's delivered and to notify us via email it's available for empty return immediately
  - Transport companies have 48-72 hours business days only (MON-FRI) to collect the empty container and return to the empty depot, this time it takes the transport company to collect is also included in your free days allocated by the shipping line, so please keep that in mind
- **FCL & LCL Fuel Surcharge** remains volatile, fuel surcharges are still increasing
- **Container door direction is doors to the rear by default**
  - DP World and Hutchinson do not allow the transport carrier to choose the way that the container doors face, only Patrick will allow doors either way
  - Therefore, if your container is discharged at DP World or Hutchinson and require doors front facing the truck cab - additional fees will apply because the trucking company will have to take the container back to their depot and lift it off the truck and back on the truck with the doors front facing
- We are also seeing FCL & LCL Truck waiting time on more shipments
  - LCL - There can be delays of up to 4 or 5 hours for collection from LCL depots due to a lack of staff

- FCL – We are seeing delays at the wharf, client premises and with the return of the empty container due to reaching capacity, weather events, traffic, and depot staff shortages

**IMPORTANT QUARANTINE INFORMATION – “Khapra Beetle” & “BMSB Measures” – 2022-2023 seasons:**

- If you have purchased a used shipping container for your home, farm, or business – recently or even years ago, we are asking you to keep a look out for Khapra Beetle, please see the attached Biosecurity notice for more information
- Current and future Khapra Beetle measures
  - <https://mailchi.mp/agriculture/import-industry-advice-notice-p6dxtiopso?e=c06ba24926>
- BMSB season starts again on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September so if you have a shipment leaving one of the target countries or being shipped via a target country on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> of September the new measures will apply to you
  - Please check the following link to see if BMSB measures will apply to your cargo, or call Mitch or David at the office: <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/import/before/brown-marmorated-stink-bugs>
- **In the news**
  - [Aussie/NZ ocean spot rates head south as demand softens - The Loadstar](#)
  - [Air cargo industry faces 'huge number of challenges', says TIACA's Hughes - The Loadstar](#)

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