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# OUTSIDE THE BOX

Hi All,

Welcome to another market update – even with Chinese New Year now being over we don't expect the supply chain problems that we have been experiencing to disappear anytime soon. We are working hard at AUSCUS to ensure that we continue to offer our customers the best available supply chain solutions by remaining flexible and agile in our response to the constant challenges and changes we are experiencing daily. We appreciate your support and understanding.

## **Urgent New BMSB (Brown Marmorated Stink Bug)**

### **Update ex China**

- Recently Quarantine have found Stink Bugs in some containers coming from China, so what does this mean for you?
  - Quarantine will increase their random inspections and unpacks of containers ex China over the coming months – some target products include: Metal Products, Plastic Goods, Machinery and Watercraft, Vessels
  - The stink bug (BMSB) season runs from September 1<sup>st</sup> until 31<sup>st</sup> May each year
  - **There is no action required as of now, however, there is a high probability that China will be added to the list of countries that require fumigation for stink bugs for the 2022/2023 BMSB season – we will keep you advised of any further updates**

## **AUSCUS Updates**

- Our new website will soon be live so be sure to check it out in the coming weeks [www.auscus.com.au](http://www.auscus.com.au)
- Just a reminder that we offer Domestic and International Courier or Transport Services, so if you have any enquiries or require a quotation email Melissa on [sales@auscus.com.au](mailto:sales@auscus.com.au)
- We are noticing that most of our transport providers are increasing their Fuel surcharges so we are monitoring the situation and increase ours accordingly

### **Chinese Shipping Market**

- Rates levels have slightly reduced but we do not expect to see a major reduction for a long time
- We are still experiencing space issues, so book as far in advance as you can
- If you require an NOR (non-operation Reefer, a slightly smaller container at a reduced rate) rate, please email Melissa – [sales@auscus.com.au](mailto:sales@auscus.com.au)

### **Infrastructure Fee & Empty Yard Fee Increases**

- The stevedores have once again increased their Infrastructures fees and the empty depots have also increased theirs also, therefore you will notice a small increase in our PIF charge on your invoice

### **In other news**

- [Good news for airlines and cargo as Australia looks set to reopen borders - The Loadstar](#)
- [Australian ports face more disruption as Svitzer tug strike bites - The Loadstar](#)



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