

August 2023



OUTSIDE THE BOX

Hi All,

Welcome to the August market update.

*****Please note that our office is closed tomorrow Wednesday 16th August for the Brisbane Ekka public holiday, we will re-open on Thursday 17th August at 8.30am *****

Chinese Shipping Market

- In August we have begun seeing increased FCL rates as predicted
- We expect the September rates to increase further as we enter Peak Season for the first time years
- Shipping Lines are still trying to protect their profits by taking vessels out of rotation and omitting ports they usually call. The full effects of this are now being reflected in the rate increases we are experiencing
- If you have any shipments, FCL especially, please book them in as far in advanced as possible. Space is hard to secure, particularly on the direct/faster services so make sure you book in asap.
- Please also keep in mind that in the lead up to Christmas we recommend you avoid having shipments arrive over

the Christmas / New Year period if possible, to avoid additional fees associated with storage, handling and detention etc

- 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
- PLEASE NOTE: We can offer rates direct into **Townsville ex China**, if you require a quote please email Melissa – sales@auscus.com.au

2023-2024 BMSB Season due to start on September 1st

- Just a quick reminder that the BMSB season is due to begin on the 1st of September and goes until 30th April Inclusive
- Any cargo departing on or after September 1st will be subject to BMSB regulations
- China and UK have been identified as emerging risk countries (not target risk)
 - Basically, Quarantine are keeping a close eye on cargo originating from these countries - currently they are not subjected to current BMSB regulations
 - Cargo originating from China and/or the UK will be subjected to more random inspections due to this status
- Please see the below link to the updated 23/24 BMSB measures
 - [Seasonal measures for Brown marmorated stink bug \(BMSB\) - DAFF \(agriculture.gov.au\)](https://www.agriculture.gov.au)

New Bank Account Details

- We are in the process of switching over to Commonwealth bank
- We will send a separate notice with all the new details once we officially make the switch

- Continue to pay into the bank account as mentioned on our invoices, if you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the office 07 3359 9288

FCL 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.
 - For CIF FCL clients, please ensure your suppliers are requesting a minimum of 14 days free detention period time when making a shipping line booking on your behalf at origin prior to loading.
- **In the news**
 - [Leading sea container industry bodies and government join hands to seek solutions for reducing plant health and biodiversity risks - Daily Cargo News \(thedcn.com.au\)](#)
 - [Australia cracks down on cocaine smuggling, with 100 companies in its sights - The Loadstar](#)
 - [Historic drop in China volumes curbs global parcel growth - FreightWaves](#)

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