

September 2023



OUTSIDE THE BOX

Hi All,

Welcome to the September market update.

Chinese Shipping Market

- September rates have increased slightly from August
- Rates have been jumping all over the place for the first half of September, with shipping lines trying to decide if they implement a GRI or not (a typical game of cat and mouse between the lines)
- We expect the rates for the end of September until mid-October to remain steady, however, we predict an increase for end of October
- ***China has their annual Golden Week Holiday from 29th September to 6th October*** – many factories will shut down and shipping agents will be running on skeleton staff, so expect communication delays
- Peak season is now upon us, so 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

Reminder the 2023-2024 BMSB Season has begun:

- The BMSB season goes from the 1st of September until 30th April Inclusive
- Any cargo departing on or after September 1st from or transiting through a target risk country on or after September 1st will be subject to BMSB regulations.
 - Target Risk Country List - [Seasonal measures for Brown marmorated stink bug \(BMSB\) - DAFF \(agriculture.gov.au\)](#)
- 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 \(agriculture.gov.au\)](#)

New Bank Account Details

- We are in the process of switching over to Commonwealth bank, please expect to receive a notice about the upcoming change
- 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

Door to Door Courier

- Did you know that not only can AUSCUS offer worldwide Door to Door courier services, but we have access to wholesale courier rates
- If you would like a quote, please contact Melissa on sales@auscus.com.au

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**

- [Carriers struggle as they pull capacity to boost floundering spot rates - The Loadstar](#)
- ["Automation breeds efficiency," Minister Horne declares at SAL Victoria Luncheon - Shipping Australia](#)
- [CMA CGM and Maersk join forces to accelerate the decarbonization of the shipping industry | Hellenic Shipping News Worldwide](#)

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Auscus Team