

AUSCUS CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR OPENING HOURS

Friday 22nd December – Closing at 12 noon

Monday 25th December – Closed

Tuesday 26th December – Closed

Wednesday 27th December – Open normal hours 8.30am to 5.00pm

Thursday 28th December – Open normal hours 8.30am to 5.00pm

Friday 29th December – Closing at 12 noon

Monday 1st January – Closed

Tuesday 2nd January – Open normal hours 8.30am to 5.00pm

December 2023



OUTSIDE THE BOX

Hi All,

Welcome to the final market update for 2023.

Chinese Shipping Market

- We have seen the December rates mostly plateau.
- We are being told to expect a GRI for January.
 - Rate increases of US\$300 per 20GP and US\$600 per 40GP/HQ have been discussed by the shipping lines, however, this is yet to be confirmed but we don't think such a large increase will stick

- 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

Important Upcoming Changes:

- DP World and MUA
 - I feel the following quote is very apt for the current situation: “Greed, in the end, fails even the greedy” (Cathryn Louis)
 - DP World and the MUA don’t look like they will stop their industrial action anytime soon unfortunately
 - As a result of this we are seeing 2-3 week vessel delays
 - To add insult to injury, DP World have increased their Port Infrastructure Fees (PIF) by approx. \$80.00 + GST per container so you will notice an increase in PIF fees if your containers call into a DP World terminal
 - FTA and APSA pushing for Federal government intervention into spiraling supply chain costs
- Import Ban on Engineered Stone in 2024
 - Due to an increase in workers developing the lung disease Silicosis
 - Ban will come into effect on 1 July 2024
 - The ban will affect all importers who bring in building materials, tiny homes, other products that may contain engineered stone
 - We do not know how this will be implemented as yet, and exactly what HS codes will be affected but we will keep you informed as the government make further announcements.

- UAE and Australia Free Trade Agreement negotiations have begun
 - We will advise further details as they come to hand

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 \(agriculture.gov.au\)](#)

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**
 - <https://theloadstar.com/2024-sustainability-trends-for-freight-forwarders/>
 - <https://theloadstar.com/production-may-be-moving-to-china-many-but-there-will-still-be-china/>
 - <https://theloadstar.com/china-moves-to-shore-up-supply-chains-as-production-shift-spreads/>
 - <https://www.thedcn.com.au/news/containers-and-container-shipping/fwc-knocks-back-dp-worlds-request-for-pia-suspension/>

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Thanks,

The Auscus Team