

April 2024



OUTSIDE THE BOX

Hi All,

Welcome to the April edition of Outside the Box 2024.

Chinese Shipping Market

- Our Shipping Line friends have decided to reduce the number of sailings available (taking vessels out of rotation) to try and increase freight prices after a steady decline in rates over the last couple of months
- This has resulted in a rate increase for the 2nd half of April and a further small increase for the 1st half of May
- Rates still remain slightly lower when compared to the beginning of the year
- Given the current rate increase, we are not sure when the rates will begin to drop again. We expect once the sailing schedules get back on track the rates should begin to drop to normal low season levels
- 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 Information:

- Hutchinson Stevedores increase their PIF Charges
 - As expected, Hutchinson Stevedores have increased their PIF charges to be inline with the recent DP World and Patrick increases
 - Unfortunately, this now means that PIF fees across the board have increased
 - These increases affect all importers unfortunately and we are forced to pass them on
- Vape Laws
 - New Vape Laws introduced early 2024
 - More information in attachment if you wish to learn more
- 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

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 look to short-term gains over blanking, as Red Sea crisis props up rates - The Loadstar](#)
 - [Capture of MSC Aries will further drive-up Indian export costs - The Loadstar](#)
 - [Shipping on alert as Israel retaliates against Iran - Splash247](#)

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