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OUTSIDE THE BOX

Hi All,

Welcome to the first market update for 2022.

Chinese New Year 1st – 8th February

- Most factories and businesses in China will close during this time, they often close for longer than the week so please keep this in mind when arranging shipments
- It will be difficult to get any responses from suppliers so ensure that you have any documentation for upcoming shipments prior to the 1st of February

AUSCUS Updates

- CONTAINER DEHIRE
 - Just a reminder that transport companies have 48 business hours to pick up your empty container after notification, therefore if you notify AUSCUS on a Saturday we will then notify the transport company on Monday and the transport company has until Wednesday COB to collect
- SUPPLY CHAIN DISSRUPTIONS
 - As everyone is aware the Omicron outbreak is affecting all facets of the supply chain. We understand your concerns as absenteeism is really putting pressure on businesses to ensure that they have adequate staff to maintain service levels. Here at AUSCUS we have processes in place to allow us to be flexible with our responses to the ever-changing requirements. We are set up to work from home so that our business can continue to operate as normal.
 - Thanks to the change in the “essential worker” classification, we hope that this will begin to ease some of the delays, however in the meantime we appreciate your patience and understanding. We are all in the same boat

literally and figuratively and we will continue to do our very best to ensure that you continue to receive great service

- QUARANTINE INSPECTION DELAYS
 - Expect quarantine inspection delays for the next 4 to 6 weeks as per advice from the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE)
 - The delays are driven by the impacts of COVID-19 across the departments workforce as per the Freight and Trade Alliance (FTA) notice
 - Inspection resources are being impacted by isolation requirements

Chinese Shipping Market

- Rates
 - We have seen a slight increase in rates for North China especially, it was predicted that we would by now be experiencing the rates to either plateau or drop but due to the omicron outbreak and subsequent supply chain issues as a result it has pushed rates back up
- Special NOR rates
 - We have some special NOR rates from Shanghai and Ningbo to Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane for General Cargo (NON HAZ), if you are interested, please contact Melissa on sales@auscus.com.au for further details

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

Sideloader Fees

- What are Sideloader Fees?
 - It is a fee that the Stevedores (DP World, Patrick, Hutchinson) charge if a transport company sends in a sideloader truck to collect a container instead of a standard flatbed trailer (Semi/Skel etc)
- Why do we pass them on?
 - Sideloader fees have been around for many years, however the stevedores have only just recently started to enforce them and are now passing them onto all transport companies
 - Therefore, the transport companies are passing them onto freight forwarders so we unfortunately have to pass them onto our customers
- What are the costs involved?

- Each stevedore charges differently but they are currently ranging from \$45-\$75 per container per trip

In other news

- [Omicron outbreak in Australia wreaking havoc with supply chains - The Loadstar](#)
- [Dalian the latest China port to be hit by Covid restrictions as delays persist - The Loadstar](#)



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