

October 2023



# OUTSIDE THE BOX

Hi All,

Welcome to the October market update.

## Chinese Shipping Market

- October rates have increased from September
- Rates for November are also increasing as the shipping lines take advantage of the increase in bookings and full ships predicted until the end of November
- ***If your shipments move under CIF/CFR terms, please make sure that they do not arrive during the Christmas period and arrive early December or early in the new year if possible, to avoid additional fees associated with storage, handling and detention etc***
- We are now in peak season, 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
- 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](mailto: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](mailto:sales@auscus.com.au)

### **Reminder the 2023-2024 BMSB Season has begun:**

- The BMSB season goes from the 1<sup>st</sup> of September until 30<sup>th</sup> April Inclusive
- Any cargo departing on or after September 1<sup>st</sup> from or transiting through a target risk country on or after September 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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**
  - [Qantas Freight back to 'business as usual' after IT outage - The Loadstar](#)
  - [EXPLAINER: vessel sharing agreements benefit Australians, carriers, and shippers - Shipping Australia](#)
  - [Carriers fight back against sub-economic rates with FAK hikes - The Loadstar](#)

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