



SALEBRATING 10 YEARS

A Personal Message from the Directors

As we celebrate 10 years of S.A.L. Global Logistics, we want to take a moment to express our sincere gratitude.

From our early days as a small start-up to the company we are today, this journey has been made possible by the incredible support, trust, and loyalty shown by so many.

To our valued clients — thank you for putting your confidence in us. Your partnership has been at the heart of everything we've built.

We also want to acknowledge and thank our dedicated overseas partners and local service providers, whose reliability and collaboration have played such a vital role in delivering results for our clients.

And of course, to our team — past and present — your hard work, commitment, and shared belief in what we do have been the driving force behind our growth.

It's been an incredible 10 years, and we're genuinely excited for what the future holds. Thank you for being part of the S.A.L. Global story — we look forward to continuing this journey with you.

With heartfelt appreciation,
Roger Hageman & Brad O'Brien



Peak Season Surcharges (PSS) and Rate Restorations

As import volumes rise and peak season draws near, carriers are increasing rate restorations, surcharges, and terminal handling fees on routes to Australia and New Zealand.

Peak Season Surcharges (PSS): Effective from mid August and early September several carriers will implement PSS ranging from USD 300–350 per TEU on shipments from Northeast Asia, Southeast Asia, the Indian Subcontinent, and the Middle East to Australia and New Zealand.

Rate Restorations (RR): Additional RRs of USD 150–300 per TEU will also take effect from mid August and early September on similar trade lanes.

Terminal Handling Charges (THC): COSCO and OOCL will increase THCs for both dry and reefer cargo, with changes effective 15 August and 1 September, respectively.

Other Charges: COSCO has also announced a Tasmania Arbitrary Tariff starting 10 August 2025.

Source: FTA

BMSB Season 2025/2026

1 September marks the start of the 2025/2026 Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) risk season, applying to imports of targeted goods that are manufactured in or shipped from designated target-risk and emerging-risk countries into Australia. The season runs annually from 1 September to 30 April.

BMSBs are highly invasive hitchhiker pests known to hide in goods such as machinery, vehicles, and even within vessels themselves. Left unmanaged, they pose a major threat to Australia's agricultural industry, with the potential to impact over 300 plant species.

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) continues to enforce strict biosecurity measures to keep BMSB out of Australia. These include treatment and inspection requirements for goods originating from high-risk regions. More details on the specific measures for the 2025/2026 season, including affected countries and treatment requirements, will be shared in our upcoming updates.

NHVR Launches 2025 Load Restraint Guide

The National Transport Commission has released the 2025 update to the Load Restraint Guide, a critical reference for ensuring safe and compliant freight movements across Australia. The updated guide places a strong emphasis on practical, real-world examples and clearer guidance to help all parties in the supply chain – including loaders, drivers, and transport operators – better understand their obligations under Chain of Responsibility (CoR) laws. We encourage you to review the revised guide to ensure your load restraint practices align with the latest safety standards. Access the full guide and summary of changes [here](#).

Source: FTA

New USA East Coast to Australia Routing

MSC has announced the launch of its standalone Eagle Service, a dedicated weekly route connecting Australia and New Zealand to the US East Coast, commencing February 2026. The service will operate with 11 MSC vessels on a fixed weekly rotation, offering a direct connection to the US East Coast. Beyond this, the Eagle Service will also provide key transit links via the Panama Canal, extending access to Europe, Central and South America, and the US Gulf Ports.

Port rotation includes:

Philadelphia – Savannah – Freeport – Rodman – Papeete – Auckland – Sydney – Melbourne – Brisbane – Tauranga – Cristobal – Philadelphia

Source: MSC



Shipping Line Schedule and Reliability

In June, the China–Australia trade lane recorded 10 blank sailings out of 151 scheduled, pushing the cancellation rate to 6.6%—up from just under 5% in May. This increase reflects the persistent volatility affecting global shipping, with reliability undermined by geopolitical tensions, vessel reroutings, equipment imbalances, and port omissions and congestion in Australian ports.

Across Europe, major hubs like Hamburg, Rotterdam, and Antwerp are experiencing severe congestion due to high yard density, labour shortages, and rail and barge delays stretching up to 96 hours. Southern European ports such as Genoa, Algeciras, and Valencia are also operating at reduced efficiency, prompting some carriers to omit port calls altogether. In China, congestion is intensifying at key export gateways including Shanghai, Ningbo, and Shenzhen. With more vessels now waiting offshore than berthed, pressure is mounting as the peak season draws near. Yard congestion and equipment shortages are compounding delays and disrupting schedules.

These global challenges signal continued disruption risk and reinforce the need for proactive planning and flexible supply chain strategies.

Source: FTA