

December 2022 Market Update

GLOBAL SHIPPING TREND - Q4/2022

The global economic outlook appears to be deteriorating further amid slowing growth and elevated inflation levels. As a result, global container volumes are continuing to fall with negative growth in virtually all the main markets causing Shipping Lines to reduce capacity on major ocean trades from Asia on numerous global shipping routes to match demand.

There has been a reduction in freight costs on key corridors linking China, Southeast Asia and South Asia as a result of falling volumes, and carriers scrambling to fill vessels. However, increases are being indicated for sailings from 15th December leading into the Chinese New Year Peak-Period.

China continues to battle sporadic COVID-19 outbreaks and headwinds to both current and future demand remain significant. In the wake of unprecedented protests Beijing's zero covid stance looks to be easing.

The strict pandemic rules have stymied industrial production all year, and put a brake on shipping earnings. However, following mass protests across the nation at the end of November, the Chinese authorities do appear to be looking for a way to move on from the pandemic way of life.



Inflationary pressures in both the **US and Europe** remain elevated with the consumer price index (CPI) holding steady over the summer at around 8.2 percent, while in Europe inflation is at a record high with the CPI climbing to 9.9 percent in September. Producer price inflation in Europe - the price paid by manufacturers for raw materials and goods - is even higher at around 40 percent. That comes even though energy prices have eased due to increased supplies of oil and gas. The fall in exports led to a further decline in global container trade volumes in June-August and most regions are now seeing negative growth. Ocean spot freight rates have also continued to see a dramatic fall and are now close to levels seen in the second half of 2020. While port congestion has eased on the US West Coast as well as in Europe and China, it remains a problem on the US East Coast, although it is trending downwards.

Despite the gloom, there are signs of buoyancy, with some retail sectors set to see a surge in monthly revenues according to market analysts.

SVITZER / MUA AUSTRALIA - 6 MONTH SUSPENSION PROTECTED INDUSTRIAL ACTION

18th Nov 2022 - The full bench of the Fair Work Commission (FWC) had suspended all industrial action for a period of six (6) months following earlier announced MUA Industrial action & Svitzer Lockout notice in the various Australia Ports.

During this time neither the unions nor Svitzer can take protected industrial action and provides sufficient time for further negotiations between the two entities.



CHINESE NEW YEAR 2023 - REMINDER

Chinese New Year for 2023 begins 22nd January.

Being much sooner in the calendar year new year, it will be wise to be well

prepared prior to our Xmas/NY break with any new orders & bookings.





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2022-2023 BROWN MARMORATED STINK BUG (BMSB) UPDATE

Further to our earlier advice regarding the 2022-2023 BMSB season, it remains crucial for suppliers from "Target Risk Countries" with "Target High Risk Goods" to ensure correct loading & stowage of containers to allow for BMSB Fumigation requirements, and prevent timely delays & additional costs. This is also a reminder that certain commodities manufactured on or after 01st December 2022 may be exempt from the current BMSB measures. Details in relation to this are as follows:

New, Unused and not Field Tested (NUFT) goods

Under the seasonal measures certain goods that can meet <u>ALL</u> the following criteria will not be subject to BMSB measures on arrival.

- Are your goods manufactured on or after 1st December 2022?
 (A good is only considered to be manufactured on or after 1
 December 2022 if all its large, complex components have also been manufactured after 1 December 2022.)
- Are your goods classed as new machinery, vehicles, vessels and/or new complex parts and equipment, and are classified under the following tariff chapters only: 82, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88 and 89?
- Are you able to provide evidence that the goods are manufactured on or after 1st December 2022? (Evidence in the form of a manufacturer's declaration stating the goods are new, unused and not field tested, (NUFT) including the date and place of manufacture.)
- Are you able to provide a NUFT declaration (see attached) stating the goods are new, unused and not field tested?
- Can the goods be verified they have been manufactured on or after 1st December 2022? (Evidence can be supported by labelling on the goods, presentation of commercial invoice with the production date etc).

If you have answered **YES** to all the above questions, BMSB measures do not apply to your goods.

Any declaration stating that goods are new, unused, and not field tested (NUFT) must meet minimum documentary and import declaration requirements.

Note: If sufficient evidence is not provided, or if on inspection the goods cannot be verified as being new and manufactured on or after 1st December 2022, the goods may be directed for export or onshore treatment (if permitted).

DAFF may also direct shipment/s for Random Inspection.



CHANGES TO BIOSECURITY COST RECOVERY – SEA FID CHARGE INCREASE

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) have recently released Import Industry Advice Notice <u>226-2022</u> signalling a significant change to their Biosecurity cost recovery arrangement for Seafreight Formal Import Declarations (FID) to assist in managing the risk of hitchhiker pest and disease.

The Department intend to achieve this by increasing the Full Import Declaration charge for sea cargo (Sea FID) for each declared consignment arriving by sea from \$49 to \$58, commencing 16 January 2023.

This will result in the Import Processing Fees on Sea FIDs with a value under \$10,000 increasing from \$99 to \$108 and from \$201 to \$210 for import declarations with a value over \$10,000.

For further information, please details from DAFF HERE

Australian Transport Fuel Levy For December

<u>Dec-22</u>	FUEL LEVY - TRANSPORT		
PORT	MODE	METRO	REGIONAL
BRISBANE:	FCL	30.00%	29.00%
	LCL/AIR	27.00%	
SYDNEY:	FCL	30.00%	34.50%
	LCL/AIR	27.00%	
MELBOURNE:	FCL	30.50%	41.50%
	LCL/AIR	27.00%	
Perth/Fremantle:	FCL	34.50%	37.00%
	LCL/AIR	27.00%	
ADELAIDE:	FCL	23.50%	POA
	LCL/AIR	27.00%	



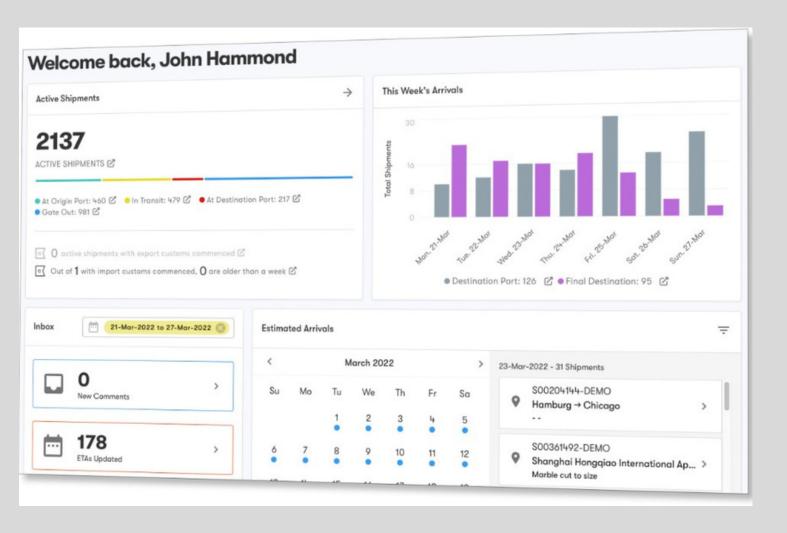
S.A.L. GLOBAL LOGISTICS NEW ON-LINE PORT – SAL LOGIXBOARD

SAL Logixboard is our easy-to-use customer platform now gives you real-time visibility to all your shipments in one centralized location.

SAL Logixboard provides live on-demand visibility into your shipments and containers, anytime, 24/7.

An overview of this powerful module can be found <u>HERE</u> for your reference.

If you do not yet have access, or would like a demonstration, please let us know.



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR COVERAGE

Our office will be closed for the Xmas & New Year Statutory Holidays (24th to 27th December 2022 & 31st Dec 2022 to 2nd Jan 2023) and will remain operational all other days.

As some of our staff may be on annual leave over this festive period, we ask for all communication be sent to the following e-mails to ensure prompt action & attendance by our team -

Customer Service: cs@salglobal.com.au
Operations: operations@salglobal.com.au

STAFF UPDATES

We are pleased to announce the new arrivals for 2 of our staff members:

Steph Liveri & husband Zac welcomed their little boy, Cody, born Monday 21st November, 8-days sooner than expected (3.20kgs @ 50cm long).

All are doing well.

Whilst Aurelie Bonneau and husband Nick also welcomed their 2nd child, another boy, Darcy, who arrived 2-weeks earlier than expected, on 1st December (2.99kgs @ 50cm long).

Again, Mum and baby are both well.

We wish both families much happiness, and joy together. Word is both are already being prep'd as a new SAL recruits.

