

August 2023 Market Update

Canada Port Strikes and Delays

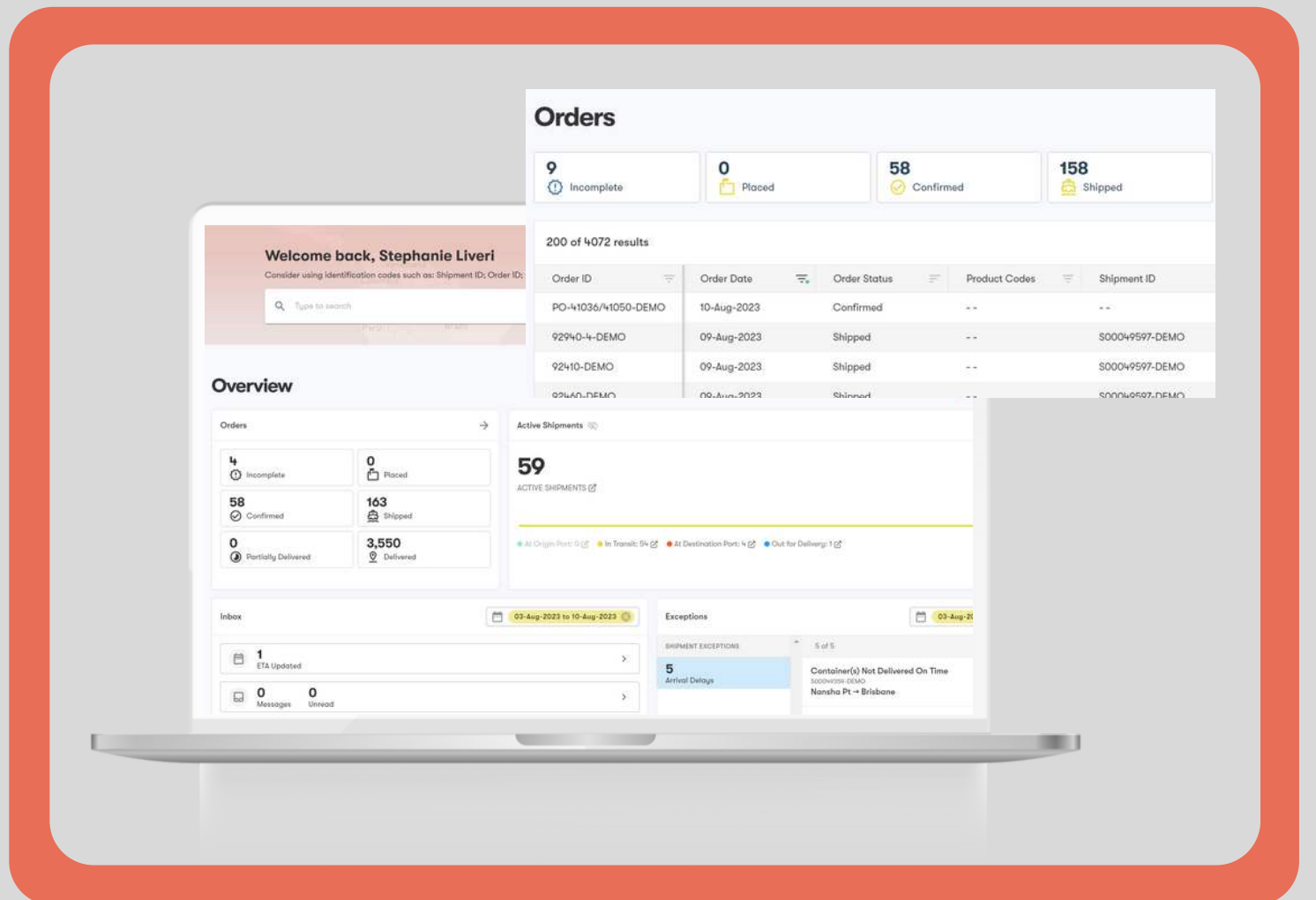
Negotiations have finally reached a resolution after extensive talks between the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) and more than 7,400 Canadian port workers at the end of July. During this period, over 30 port terminals across Canada were shut down from July 1st to the 13th, including Vancouver, the country's busiest port. These port strikes have significantly disrupted Canada's industries and supply chain. While there has been no strike action since mid-July, the ports are still in the process of recovering from the backlog of imports and exports accumulated over the two-week period, resulting in substantial delays.

USA Delays

We are currently experiencing significant delays with sea freight shipments from the USA for various reasons. The strikes in Canada have led to delays in vessels that pass through both Canada and the USA en route to Australia, owing to a backlog of containers awaiting departure from both countries. Another factor contributing to these delays is an upsurge in cargo inspections carried out by US customs. Numerous FCL and LCL shipments have missed their intended departure times due to containers being halted by US Customs at the terminal for border inspections aimed at curbing contraband shipments. Consequently, these shipments can be detained for several weeks while awaiting inspection, resulting in additional charges that are passed on to the consignee, or consignees upon release.

China Rate Restoration

The beginning of August marked a rise in freight rates of around USD 150 per TEU, prompted by the ongoing decrease in exports into Australia along with strategic "Blank Sailings". Shipping lines are set to implement additional rate hikes of USD 100-150 per TEU starting from August 15th, followed by another increase from September 1st.



S.A.L. Online Portal Update

Our CO2 Emissions feature has received fantastic feedback from our clients so far. With the ability to now see data from 1st July 2022, you will have the convenience of effortlessly comparing year-on-year CO2 emissions. As for the new orders widget on the dashboard, it offers you an overview of all your orders with S.A.L. You can seamlessly navigate through each section for viewing without the need to apply filters to narrow down your options. Furthermore, you now have the option to save views directly from your orders screen. This empowers each user to establish multiple filtered views and switch between them with ease.

Australian Transport Fuel Levy for August

FUEL LEVY - TRANSPORT			
PORT	MODE	METRO	REGIONAL
BRISBANE:	FCL	20%	23%
	LCL/AIR	22%	
SYDNEY:	FCL	24%	27.7%
	LCL/AIR	22%	
MELBOURNE:	FCL	20%	29%
	LCL/AIR	22%	
FREMANTLE:	FCL	22%	26.8%
	LCL/AIR	22%	
ADELAIDE:	FCL	18%	POA
	LCL/AIR	22%	

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BMSB SEASON

The start of September brings the beginning of the Brown Marmorated Stick Bug (BMSB) season for imports of targeted goods manufactured in or shipped from target-risk and emerging countries into Australia.

BMSB season runs from the 1st of September to the 30th of April each year. BMSB are hitchhikers and will hide in imported goods including machinery and vehicles, ships, boats, and aircrafts. The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) have very strict bio-security rules to ensure this pest does not enter Australia, as this will have devastating impacts on over 300 of Australia's Agricultural and ornamental plant species.

The countries shown in the below Table have been categorised as target risk. Any Target High Risk or Target Risk Goods which are manufactured in, or shipped from these countries will be subject to BMSB seasonal measures, as of 2023.

NOTE: Uzbekistan has now been added to this list for this coming season:

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| • Albania | • Germany | • Republic of North Macedonia |
| • Andorra | • Greece | • Romania |
| • Armenia | • Hungary | • Russia |
| • Austria | • Italy | • Serbia |
| • Azerbaijan | • Kazakhstan | • Slovakia |
| • Belgium | • Kosovo | • Slovenia |
| • Bosnia and Herzegovina | • Liechtenstein | • Spain |
| • Bulgaria | • Luxembourg | • Switzerland |
| • Canada | • Montenegro | • Türkiye |
| • Croatia | • Moldova | • Ukraine |
| • Czechia | • Netherlands | • United States of America |
| • France | • Poland | • Uzbekistan |
| • Georgia | • Portugal | |

- Japan (heightened vessel surveillance only).

Further to the above, China and the United Kingdom are categorized as emerging risk countries, with set periods of random inspections for both countries. China being 1st September to 31st December (inclusive) and the UK being 1st December to 30th April (inclusive).

For further information on BMSB measures, treatment requirements and the full list of Target High Risk Goods, please [click here](#). To view BMSB packing guidelines, please [click here](#).