



Shipping Line Schedule Reliability

Schedule reliability has been compromised this month as carriers continue to deliberately reduce their capacity and downsize their vessels. Despite high demand at the start of August leading into peak season, more than two sailings have been cancelled by PIL, YML, SNL, TSL, COSCO, OOCL, and ANL, with Maersk also implementing blank sailings.

S.A.L. Olympics

In the spirit of the 2024 Paris Olympic Games and in support of our athletes, the team at S.A.L. participated in an Olympic-themed trivia contest, answering questions about all things Olympics! Initially, the office was divided into two teams to compete in a knock-out round. The winners from each team then competed individually for the Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals. Congratulations to Juno for winning Gold, Fabio for taking Silver, and Brad for securing Bronze!



BMSB Season 2024/2025

The start of September marks the beginning of the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) season for imports of targeted goods manufactured in or shipped from target-risk and emerging-risk countries into Australia. The BMSB season extends from September 1st to April 30th annually. BMSB are hitchhikers and can hide in imported goods including machinery, vehicles, as well as ships, boats, and aircraft. The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) enforces strict biosecurity rules to prevent this pest from entering Australia, as it could devastate over 300 of Australia's agricultural and ornamental plant species.

For the 2024/2025 season, China and the Republic of Korea have been designated for heightened vessel surveillance only, while China and the UK are listed again as emerging risk countries.

For more information and resources regarding seasonal measures for BMSB, please use the link below.

[BMSB Seasonal Measures - CLICK HERE](#)

Blank Sailings & Rate Restorations

The start of August has seen a surge in bookings, particularly from Southeast Asia and the Indian Subcontinent to Australia and New Zealand. This influx has prompted a series of General Rate Increases (GRI), Peak Season Surcharges (PSS), and Rate Restorations (RR) throughout August. Shipping lines are implementing these surcharges as part of a "continued effort to provide our customers with the most reliable and efficient service" due to the imbalance between supply and demand.

Maersk has announced that it will implement a Peak Season Surcharge of USD 1000/20' containers and USD 2000/40' containers starting on the 15th of August, attributed to extremely packed vessels and space shortages. ANL has implemented a rate restoration of USD 300/20' containers and USD 600/40' containers from the 16th of August, with an additional Peak Season Surcharge of USD 700/20' containers starting from the 1st of September. Additionally, ZIM is implementing a rate restoration of USD 500/TEU from the 16th of August.

Australia West Coast Routing Update

We have observed significant changes to the services on the Australian West Coast. MSC and ZIM shipping lines have announced they are discontinuing their China to Australia West Coast sailings and are making alterations to their Australian services.

ONE, ANL, and other shipping lines are either not accepting new bookings for Fremantle or Adelaide or are accepting minimal bookings throughout August. It is estimated that approximately 40% of the space allocations have now been removed from the market.

The last service from Singapore directly servicing the West Coast with MSC will depart on the 20th of August. Import shipments for the West Coast (Adelaide and Fremantle) will now tranship via Sydney on their new routing. MSC's new Wallaby service aims to offer a faster and more direct routing between Australia, New Zealand, and North Asia.

Container Shipping and Transportation

Did you know that a heavy vehicle carrying a shipping container is 30% more likely to be involved in a roll-over incident due to unbalanced or insecurely restrained cargo within the container?

The Container Transport Alliance Australia (CTAA), in collaboration with the Freight and Trade Alliance (FTA) and CoRsafe, is hosting half-day seminars across Australia on Safe Container Loading & Transport Practices. These seminars aim to educate on best practices for loading shipping containers. Attendees will benefit from insights from experts in load restraint, safe container handling practices, and the legal and insurance aspects, along with practical advice and resources.

Below are the dates and locations for seminars, which run from 8:30 AM to 2 PM, including morning tea and a light lunch. If you are interested in learning more, please reach out to cs@salglobal.au:

- Brisbane: Wednesday, 16 October 2024
- Toowoomba: Thursday, 17 October 2024
- Sydney: Tuesday, 22 October 2024
- Melbourne: Tuesday, 29 October 2024
- Shepparton: Thursday, 31 October 2024
- Wagga Wagga: Friday, 1 November 2024
- Port Adelaide: Tuesday, 19 November 2024
- Fremantle: Thursday, 20 November 2024

Interested in seeing how containers are transported and loaded onto vessels? Use the below link for an in-depth overview!

[CLICK HERE](#)

China Golden Week

China National Day, officially the National Day of the People's Republic of China, is annually celebrated on October 1st to commemorate the founding of the People's Republic of China in 1949. Chinese people enjoy a 7-day holiday from October 1st to October 7th, which is known as Golden Week.

There are usually many activities held around the country, especially in Beijing. It is a peak time for Chinese people to travel at home and abroad.

We request you send through all orders and provide all commercial documents for shipments during this period before this week commences to ensure no delays on arrival into Australia.