



General Rate Increases and Rate Restoration

Several major carriers have announced rate restorations effective 15 October 2025, impacting southbound shipments from North and Southeast Asia to Australia and New Zealand.

Adjustments include increases of USD 300 per TEU and USD 600 per FEU, reflecting efforts by carriers to manage rising operating costs and balance capacity amid strong seasonal demand.

These changes apply across multiple key trade lanes, including China, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, and Southeast Asia, as well as the Indian Subcontinent and Middle East. The increases are expected to influence freight rates into the coming months as the market transitions through peak season.

Source: FTA

Global Schedule Reliability and Port Congestion

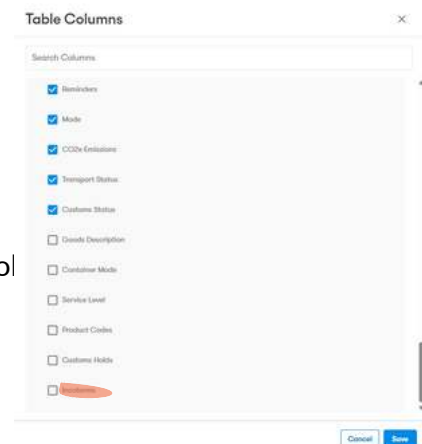
Current data shows 17 blank sailings out of 221 scheduled this month, an 8% cancellation rate, up from 4% last month. Many of these cancellations are linked to the upcoming Golden Week holidays in Asia, as carriers adjust schedules to manage reduced production and vessel capacity.

Meanwhile, global port congestion continues to challenge supply chains, driven by vessel bunching, severe weather, maintenance, and labour shortages. Asia's major export hubs (Shanghai, Ningbo, and Shenzhen) remain under pressure, while European ports such as Hamburg, Rotterdam, and Antwerp face delays from infrastructure works and strikes. Closer to home, Australian and New Zealand ports, particularly Sydney and Fremantle, are contending with weather-related disruptions and minor vessel delays across other major terminals.

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Incoterms Filter now in S.A.L. Online Portal

We've added a new "Incoterms" column to the S.A.L. Online Portal! You can now easily filter and sort shipments or orders by Incoterms, offering clearer visibility over responsibilities, costs, and risk allocation throughout the supply chain. This enhancement provides a more intuitive way to manage shipments and ensures you have the information you need at a glance. Use the column configuration symbol (⌵) on both your orders and shipments screen to add this to your column view! To learn more about the S.A.L. Online Platform, contact steph@salglobal.au.



Upcoming Holiday Season

As the festive season approaches, we kindly remind all clients to advise us of your Christmas and New Year closure dates as soon as possible.

We also encourage clients to place orders and finalise documentation early to prevent delays and reduce the risk of storage, demurrage, or redelivery charges during the holiday period. Please reach out to the team if you need assistance coordinating your end-of-year shipments.