

# GATEWAY

INTERNATIONAL FREIGHT FORWARDING AND CUSTOMS SPECIALISTS

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## BAF Europe and Asia

**Sailing from 02/08/07**

20' FCL USD 375

40' FCL USD 750

LCL USD 15 w/m

**Sailing from 01/09/07**

20' FCL USD 425

40' FCL USD 850

LCL USD 17 w/m

BAF will vary slightly by carrier but above is best guide for costing.

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## Port News

### India Major Port Workers Potential Strike

The unions affiliated with the Federation of Port and Dock Workers in India have decided to launch nationwide strikes at all major ports from 1 September 2007. The Federation will serve notice of the strike on 16 August if the issue of age limitations and wage revisions are not addressed.

### Italian Ports

Peak season is presently being experienced in Italy and many carriers are over booking and further to this loadings are heavily delayed due to the large number of containers, in many cases full vessel loading is not completed before the vessel cut off time. Delays and changes in sailing schedules (etd's / etas) will be experienced.

## Asian Ports

With the government reducing the tax refunds on 37% of export commodities back in June and the various Peak Season Surcharges that were implemented there was significant congestion at Shanghai port and vessels were commonly booked at 150% of capacity. This had a knock on effect at other ports.

We had hoped congestion would clear but there are in cases delays and changes in sailing schedules (etd's / etas) that are still being experienced.

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## Air Freight News

Prior to European and US holiday's exceptionally large volumes of freight were booked causing congestion and backlogs at airports. These backlogs are beginning to ease and freight is beginning to flow under more normal circumstances.

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## Staff News

Just in case you haven't heard Simone gave birth to a little boy at 10.40pm Monday 13/08. Ryder weighed 6.5lbs. All are well.

