



GRI from Maersk on exports from NZ to Aust

Rate adjustment for export shipments from New Zealand to Australia Maersk Line wishes to advise that a rate restoration programme will be implemented from September 1st, 2009 on all shipments from New Zealand to Australia.

From September 1st, 2009 all shipments within above mentioned scope will levy an increase of US\$100/200 per 20'/40' for dry and reefer containers in the base ocean freight. This increase will apply in addition to existing market rates and will be subject to all ancillary charges applicable at the time of shipment.

Whilst we understand increases are rarely welcome, Maersk Line is committed to building reliable, long term and sustainable services for the New Zealand market, and this GRI is part of the foundation.

With regards,
Maersk Line

Further BAF increases from Maersk

Far East to NZ effective 1st September, new rate will be USD 130 per teu

Europe to NZ effective 1st September, new rate will be EUR 190 per TEU

A Stimulus Story

Aha...so this is how it works? And not only in the US!!!!

It is the month of August; a resort town sits next to the shores of a lake. It is raining, and the little town looks totally deserted. It is tough times, everybody is in debt, and everybody lives on credit.

Suddenly, a rich tourist comes to town.

He enters the only hotel, lays a 100 dollar bill on the reception counter, and goes to inspect the rooms upstairs in order to pick one.

The hotel proprietor takes the 100 dollar bill and runs to pay his debt to the butcher.

The Butcher takes the 100 dollar bill, and runs to pay his debt to the pig raiser.

The pig raiser takes the 100 dollar bill, and runs to pay his debt to the supplier of his feed and fuel.

The supplier of feed and fuel takes the 100 dollar bill and runs to pay his debt to the town's prostitute that in these hard times, gave her "services" on credit.

The prostitute runs to the hotel, and pays off her debt with the 100 dollar bill to the hotel proprietor to pay for the rooms that she rented when she brought her clients there.

The hotel proprietor then lays the 100 dollar bill back on the counter so that the rich tourist will not suspect anything.

At that moment, the rich tourist comes down after inspecting the rooms, and takes his 100 dollar bill, after saying that he did not like any of the rooms, and leaves town.

No one earned anything. However, the whole town is now without debt, and looks to the future with a lot of optimism.

And that, ladies and gentlemen, is how the United States Government is doing business today.