

Where has the first quarter of the year gone? Daylight savings has come to an end; personally I hope that they extend it.

With thanks and best regards

Gateway Cargo

Invoices

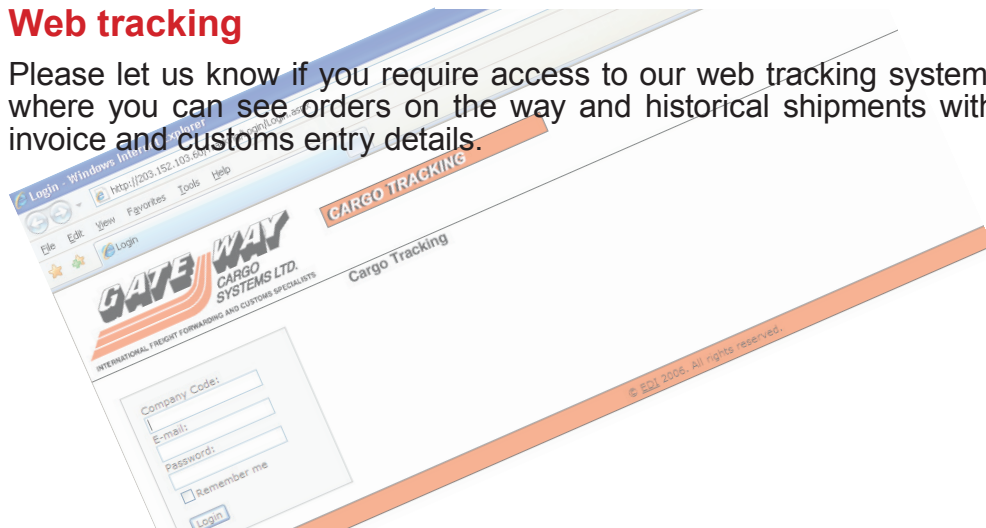
Our new computer system is going well and we are looking further into this as there are other benefits that we can extract from it for all.

We would like to address the issue of invoicing and would like to cut down on the paper work that we create. Many of you will see that your invoices and customs entries are being emailed and many of you still get a "hard copy" posted.

From the 1st of April we will no longer post copies unless you specifically request this. If you require a "hard copy" please let us know. Please confirm email address where you would like invoices sent to.

Web tracking

Please let us know if you require access to our web tracking system, where you can see orders on the way and historical shipments with invoice and customs entry details.



Shipping News

Maersk have announced their intention to increase rates from North and South East Asia from 1st July by USD 75 per teu.

They have also indicated the introduction of a Peak Season Surcharge (PSS) from this area from 15th August through to 31st January 2008. A PSS is something that we don't see in this trade but is a normal practice for shipping lines. The announced PSS is USD 150 per teu.

DG Surcharge ex Europe , Maersk have revised this from 13 April 2007. Classes 1, 5 and 7 will be outside of their standard ruling and will require a quote / acceptance prior to shipping. For all other classes a surcharge of USD 200 per teu will apply.

Use of 'pallets' as package type on documentation

Many customs authorities are not accepting pallets as the primary unit of measure shown on cargo manifest and customs declarations, as 'pallets' itself is an un-quantified unit, which is not internationally defined, and which can contain any number of sub units.

We recommend to avoid the use of 'pallet' as the primary unit of measure declared on the shipping documentation, but instead provide a more detailed unit of measure (like cartons, drums etc)

Below is a list of countries where 'pallets' are not allowed to be shown on the cargo manifests as the primary unit of measure.

Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Bulgaria, Canada, Cuba, Curacao, Cyprus, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Japan, Korea, Nicaragua, Panama, Puerto Rica, Santa Lucia, Syria, Taiwan and United States of America.

Failure to comply with customs regulations may inflict fines and penalties, not to mention cargo release delays, on the cargo owner.

Great Britain – Increase in Inland Haulage

Effective 1st April import and export FCL haulage will increase by 5%