



BAF Increases

With increases in oil costs lines are increasing BAF from 1st December

You should allow for the following costs for sailings from 1st December from Europe and Asia

20' FCL USD 505.00
40' FCL USD 1100.00
LCL USD 20 w/m

15th December from USA

20" FCL USD 564.00
40" FCL USD 1128.00
LCL USD 20 W/M

Problems in the Ports of Europe Northwestern Ports,

i.e. Hamburg, Bremerhaven, Antwerp and Rotterdam

For various reasons the situation in the Ports of Hamburg, Bremerhaven, Antwerp and Rotterdam is getting more and more problematic

German Ports

The engine drivers of the German railways RAILION have been in a dispute with their Management for several months already: They are trying to get a substantial increase of their wages and also an acceptable labour contract for their professional guild. They made several attempts during the past few months to come to an arrangement with their employer, whereby the German Court did not allow them to go on strike. However, just recently the German Constitutional Court decided that they may go on strike, and as a consequence a 42 hours strike of the engine drivers started, which ended on 10 November at 06:00 h.

Most likely, the strikes will go on, and this will have a serious impact not only on the German industry but also on the ports of Hamburg and Bremerhaven, where a substantial amount of the maneuvering is done by rail. Needless to say that this will also affect to a certain extent the transit traffic, e.g. out of Switzerland, even if the operating of the trains is made by the Swiss railway company SBB Cargo.

Rotterdam

The infrastructure of the Port of Rotterdam is not able to absorb anymore the continuously increasing movements in and outbound, and delays in various sectors, such as IT, customs, and scanning system etc. have regrettably become daily routine. Also the port of Rotterdam was flooded recently during heavy storms so that one has to cope with even more problems and delays.

Antwerp

Strict controls (scanning), problems with terminal operating companies' transfers from one terminal to the other and strikes of the pilots are creating severe problems. In addition, the strikes of the French railway SNCF unfortunately appears on the daily agenda as well and has an additional bad influence, causing further delays as well. Antwerp, too, was recently affected by heavy storm, derogating the operational work at the port.

Obviously, none of the Port Authorities are giving official statements, as they do not want to loose traffic and fear a situation where customers may switch their movements from one port to another.

Returning of FCL containers

Please ensure your empty for return is CLEAN

Lines have advised that there has be an alarming amount of unclean returns of late which they will no longer accept. The Bill of Lading clearly states that the units must come back clean.

Some units come back to filthy beyond belief and its not only wash costs that they are charged by the depots but also for the disposal or cargo wrapping and debris.

If your container is returned in such a manner you will be billed for cleaning costs.

If a container is delivered to you in such a state, eg oil spill on floor that is not attributed to your cargo, please take a digital picture and advise us



Christmas Shut Down

Please help us by filling out the form enclosed

Christmas Shut Down

Please complete and fax back to **09 275 3760** or
email back to **service@gateway.nzl.com**

Name of Company: _____

Contact Name: _____

Are you working through Christmas? YES / NO

If yes: Last day at work /12/07
Returning /12/07

Is your warehouse closing for Christmas? YES / NO

If yes: Day Closing /12/07
Returning /12/07

On your last working day, what is the latest time for deliveries / pick ups? _____

As per previous years, we can store freight that ar
to take delivery of. There is a cost associated with

Seasons Greetings from
The Gateway Team

