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NZ CUSTOMS AUDIT/MPI DELAYS

Import Clearances

For import clearances that require full audit documents to NZ Customs, we are experiencing processing delays. In some instances it can take NZ Customs up to 5 working days to be processed.

We also have the ongoing MPI processing holdups with FCL BACC release.

Both can impact on the final clearance which can mean substantial delays – with the knock on effect resulting in port demurrage and/or container detention being charged.

Whilst we do our utmost to process all clearances prior to arrival we are dependent on the paperwork provided by our clients coming into our customs team well ahead of vessel arrival into the NZ port.

We recommend communicating this situation to your overseas suppliers to encourage them to produce required documentation as early as possible.

Any questions please direct to our Customs Manager...

shalendra.singh@burnard.co.nz

NEW ZEALAND FOOD IMPORTERS

Are You Registered?

Registration for food importers has been required by MPI since 1 March 2016 and all food importers must be registered by 30 June 2017.

For further information and to register – please go to...

<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/overview/food-imports/>

TRADE SINGLE WINDOW (TSW)

Going Live Next Month

New Zealand Customs have announced that they plan to go live on the new TSW system on the 8-9th April. The TSW will replace the current CusMod system and will give increased transparency between MPI and Customs for all declarations being processed. The expectation for deployment of the software is approximately 36 hours, but during this time the CusMod system will still accept and process transactions during the transition of the release.

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ROAD/PORT COSTS AUSTRALIA

Increases in Sydney and Melbourne

Sydney / Melbourne Terminal Costs

Terminals have advised increased operational costs for FCL / LCL shipments going through the ports of Melbourne and Sydney. The additional surcharges will come into effect from April.

Melbourne Freeway Tolls

Citylink freeway system will be increasing road tolls through the area effective in April. These tolls will be apportioned over both Air and Sea freight modes.

For further information on both above items, please contact your Sales, or Customer Care representative

CONTAINER SPACE ISSUES - REMINDER

Container Lines ex Europe Restrict Bookings

Shipping lines serving the Europe to Asia trades have been restricting southbound bookings of late, citing vessel space constraints and equipment shortages as the cause. As a consequence, freight rates have soared, and some contracts with shippers have been cancelled or modified at higher levels.

Some lines are turning away bookings altogether for March and April.

This disruption to shipping in a major trade lane is also having an effect on the space available for air freight, as shippers move to this mode.

As New Zealand is at the “end of the line” ex Europe, the space constraints at source have a compounding effect at transshipment hubs in Asia.

We strongly recommend our import customers try to extend their lead times ex Europe and Asia (both air and sea) by placing orders on suppliers as far in advance as practicable.

For assistance please contact our Customer Service team: customercare@burnard.co.nz

LAST WORDS

Why do they call it Rush Hour, when nothing moves?

Robin Williams