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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Customs Broker's Licence Changes to combat criminal activity in aviation and maritime industry supply chains.**
- **More rate increases at the wharf for containers stored beyond free days.**

WELCOME

This month we have an article on changes to the Customs Broker's Licence Conditions that were introduced on 1 July 2012.

These changes will have a significant impact on our communication with clients in relation to border clearance processes and on information we may be legally required to provide to Customs.

We also have more rate increase announcements from the wharfs for containers stored beyond their 'free time'.

And as signalled in our June newsletter some of our rates have increased, effective 1 September 2012, reflecting additional legislative requirements and associated costs imposed.

CUSTOMS BROKER'S LICENCE CHANGES

Changes to licence conditions for Customs Brokers and other sectors in international trade supply chains are being introduced by the Minister for Home Affairs, as the Minister responsible for the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service. The changes are designed to combat serious and organised crime in the aviation and maritime industry's supply chains.

This will directly affect service providers in border clearance and international freight forwarding.

The changes are introduced on the back of a multi-agency taskforce, Operation Polaris, that spent 2 years investigating vulnerability to infiltration and exploitation by serious and organised crime on the waterfront. It found that known organised criminals or people with strong links to crime groups were targeting and exploiting workers on the waterfront and in the cargo supply chain for the importation of drugs and other illicit substances into Australia.

As such, Customs Broker's Licences are now subject to new conditions which require Customs Brokers to report to Australian Customs & Border Protection Service more detailed infor-

mation relating to the Importer of Record and their international shipments arriving in or departing from Australia.

This could involve making further enquiries of our customers regarding their business, the goods requiring clearance, the origin and destination of those goods, information on the supplier of the goods, or parties involved in providing transportation.

If we become aware that information provided to Customs by us or on behalf of you is false, misleading or incomplete, we must report to Customs that error or omission in writing as soon as is practical. In meeting this licence requirement we will always keep you informed of our communications with Customs and will make every possible effort to discuss the proposed disclosure to Customs and the nature of that disclosure before we do so.

The bottom line however is that we are legally obliged to comply with the terms of our licence and these additional reporting requirements will override our normal obligations of confidentiality to you and your business.

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Other measures being introduced include:

- restricted access to cargo status information to Customs Brokers, importers and Freight Forwarders who have lodged an import declaration or a cargo report for specific cargo (ie. those who have a direct and legitimate interest in the import cargo in question);
- restricted access for non-licence holders to information on Customs Border Protection activities such as x-ray processing of containers; and
- making it an offence to provide information from Customs Integrated Cargo System, including information relating to containers possibly being processed through the Customs Examination Facility.

Please understand it is illegal for us to formally advise a customer, transport company or other party within the supply chain that a container is held for 'x-ray' processing.

For more information on changes to the Customs Brokers Licence please go to:

<http://www.customs.gov.au/webdata/resources/files/ACN2012-43-CustomsBrokerLicenceConditions-Guidance-Final.pdf>

IMPORT CONTAINER WHARF STORAGE CHARGES INCREASE

Import storage charges are set to rise from 1 September 2012. The increase in charges are said to reflect terminal occupancy costs and the need to reduce dwell times and improve efficiency.

All import containers exceeding their three day free time period (this includes Saturday and Sunday) are subject to storage charges and additional yard handling fees, plus extra charges for refrigerated or hazardous containers.

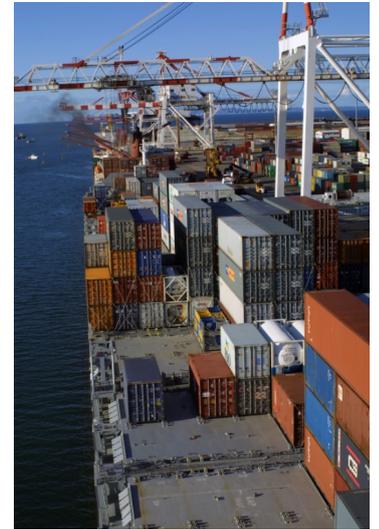
The costs can soon add up so getting your containers off the wharf as soon as they are available is an imperative.

As our licence and therefore the ongoing operation of our business is dependant on meeting the legislative requirements of the Customs Act our Standard Terms and Trading Conditions must reflect this and provide security to meet these requirements.

If we are required to report incidents to Customs related to your business, under our Trading Conditions we cannot accept any responsibility for any inquiry, cost, liability or other loss to you or your business arising from this.

Our Standard Terms and Trading Conditions will indemnify us for any losses, costs or other damages we suffer as a consequence of making these compulsory disclosures.

We will be releasing revised terms soon.



It is illegal for Customs Brokers to formally advise a customer, transport company or other party within the supply chain that a container is held for 'x-ray' processing.

While there are unavoidable delays associated with border protection inspections make sure you avoid delays that you can influence. The earlier you can provide us, your customs broker and freight forwarder, with a full set of documents; we can work to ensure you receive your container at its earliest availability.

As a guide, a minimum seven working days prior to the arrival of a vessel will allow customs clearance and other statutory requirements to be completed.



LOYNES RATE INCREASE NOTICE

As signalled in our June newsletter a minor rate increase will apply on additional charges for all shipments effective from 1 September 2012.

These increases are primarily the result of compliance costs associated with recent changes to our Customs Broker's Licence conditions and other regulatory compliance associated with Quarantine, maritime & aviation security, and also road transport Chain of Responsibility legislation.

The Customs' Border Hold Management requirements including monitoring, carrier/client liaison and rebooking have increased with an associated increase in fees. In addition; Quarantine Assessment will apply where the previous cost for Clearance was applicable, however the clearance cost will now apply when & where additional Quarantine intervention is required to obtain a release beyond the initial compliance assessment.

Increases in Full Container Load (FCL) transport brings about the introduction of Container Booking Fees to cover the costs for wharf

booking & empty dehire slots, which have historically been incorporated in the transport base rate.

As discussed in the July newsletter, the empty slotting system has only recently been introduced.

FCL transport base rates have been maintained to reflect the increase in base rate and separation of the container booking fees.

In instances where you, as the client, elect to nominate your own carrier and we are required to provide them with booking information and/or the required container weight declarations additional charges have been introduced, again to cover these administrative and liability costs.

Minor increases have been incurred against airfreight delivery costs and tolls where applicable.

These fees have been kept to a minimum and are representative and reflective of the actual tasks performed and costs incurred for the specified provision of service.



Rate rises reflect the increasing burden of legislation on business

SHIPPING CHARGES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Korea, China, Hong Kong & Taiwan to Australia

- A Peak Season Surcharge announced for 15 August 2012 did not proceed, however the shipping lines have once again provided notice of a PSS of US\$300/20' container and US\$600/40' container from 1 September 2012. While this is an intended rate increase, its implementation will depend once again on capacity.

South East Asia and South Asia to Australia

- A Peak Season Surcharge of US\$300/20' container and US\$600/40' container effective from 15 September 2012 will apply to all shipments from Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, and South Asia to Australia.

China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea and Japan to/from Australia

- A Revised Bunker Adjustment Factor (BAF) of US \$575/20' container and US \$1150/40' container effective from 22 September 2012 will apply to all shipments from China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea and Japan to Australia.



CUSTOMS BROKERS AND FORWARDERS COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA RACE DAY

Loynes staff had a great day out at the Queensland Tatts Race Day Function organised by the Customs Brokers and Forwarders Council of Australia. Thanks to the CBFCFA management committee for another great day at the races.



HELEN PLUCKROSE (RECEPTION),
LUKE PLUCKROSE AND DIMITRI
MASTROLOS (CARTAGE COORDINATOR)



**MIKE MADE IT
BELGIAN CHOCOLATE MOUSSE**



MIKE MCAFFE
COOK, CYCLIST AND
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SERVICE AND DEVELOPMENT

- 2 tbspc cream
- 200 g dark cooking chocolate, cut into pieces
- 4 egg yolks
- A pinch of cream of tartar
- 6 egg whites
- 1 tbspc caster sugar
- 1½ cups whipped cream
- 500 g raspberries

Serves 6

1. Place the cream and chocolate pieces in a bowl resting over a bain-marie over

medium heat and whisk until the chocolate has melted and is smooth. Remove from heat and stir in egg yolks.

2. Add cream of tartar to the egg whites and beat until fairly firm. Add the sugar and continue beating the whites into stiff peaks.
3. Using a whisk, gently incorporate a quarter of the beaten whites into the chocolate mix, then carefully fold in the remaining whites.
4. Spoon mixture into a piping bag and then into glasses, cover in plastic wrap and refrigerate for half a day.
5. Garnish with cream and raspberries to serve.

Note- This recipe came from Gabriel Gaté's Taste Le Tour

Tip- If you don't have a piping bag just use a plastic bag and cut a tip of the corner off.

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