

Canada: Port of Montreal re-opened

With immediately effective, the Maritime Employers Association (MEA) and the Port of Montreal Longshoremen Union (CUPE section 375) have announced a seven-month truce, which started Friday, August 21. During this time, no pressure tactics will be exercised, while both parties will concentrate on negotiations in order to come to an agreement. In addition, as part of the current negotiations between the MEA and the Port of Montreal's Checkers' Union, an agreement, in principle, was reached. The checkers executive committee has submitted this agreement to its members for a vote.

Truck Driver Strike Chile

As from, 27.08.2020 00:00 hrs one of the three main trucker's unions in Chile started a strike, and have blocked the main access roads to the ports of Valparaiso, San Antonio, and the eight regions ports (Lirquen, San Vicente & Coronel). The Night Region is also blocked, the so called "Panamericana", which crosses Chile from north to south.

Please note that this might cause delays and possible additional costs, due to the extension of this strike.

Amendment – Bug Season begins in Australia and New Zealand

We would like to inform you that the Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, as well as the Ministry for Primary Industries, have announced a temporary requirement for fumigation of jeopardized goods, in order to prevent the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug from entering into the ecological environment of Australia and New Zealand.

The Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) measures will begin from 1st of September 2020 until 31st of May 2021. For New Zealand will be in place from 1st of September 2020 until 30th of April.

All containerized cargo (including FCL/LCL shipments) and/or Breakbulk out of the below list of countries must be treated prior to arriving or being released into Australia and/or New Zealand if they are considered Targeted 'High Risk' Goods or Targeted Risk goods.

Target Risk Countries

- U.S.A:
- Italy
- Germany
- France
- Russia
- Greece
- Hungary
- Romania
- Georgia
- Japan (heightened vessel surveillance will be the only measure applied).

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Therefore we will treat all our LCL export consolidated containers for destinations Australia and New Zealand with Sulfuryl Fluoride from the shipping date 01.09.2020.

Pre-shipment handling is necessary to minimize delays and cost for all parties involved. Treatment only after arrival at the port of destination can cause a delay of up to 4 weeks in delivery. In addition, there is a risk that storage charges and demurrage/detention may occur.

From 01.09.2020 on following types of goods can only be accepted after consultation with your Leschaco counterpart:

- Food, Food Additives / Ingredients
- Pharmaceuticals
- Seed

The charges for the fumigation are determined with EUR 25,- per W/M (Weight / Measurement) or EUR 50,- as a Minimum.

Your contact persons/customer advisors will be able to answer any further questions that may occur regarding this topic.

Kind regards

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