



## Stockwell International News Alert

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## Coronavirus

Please be advised due to Chinese New Year Holidays and the outbreak of Corona Virus the Chinese Government has announced the extend of the Chinese New Year holiday. Last week government authorities advised that most provinces were to reopen February 9, however there is now information that full return to work will now be February 17th.

Port Authority of New South Wales (Port Authority) has released the current steps being taken to mitigate exposure to Coronavirus. They have developed guidelines for operational employees in line with those issued by the Health authorities. To ensure the safety of employees and crew members working across ports, Port Authority of New South Wales have initiated the following requirements effective immediately:

- Masters of all ships due to arrive at our ports are required to declare their last 5 ports of call and confirm that they have no crew members showing symptoms of the novel coronavirus on-board;
- Where novel coronavirus is evident, our employees will not be required to board the vessel; and,
- Port Authority will delay pilotage services to ships that have transited directly from China, which have been at sea for less than the 14-day quarantine period.

Along with the lower demand for Southbound volume during the holiday period, there will be a high number of blank sailings on numerous voyages. This will cause significant delays for cargo being imported from China so we ask our clients to remain understanding during this period. Stockwells will keep you notified of any further updates or delays.

# **Flash Flooding Brisbane and Sydney**

Brisbane and Sydney are still experiencing heavy rainfall and flash flooding, which is causing traffic delays and congestion.

Due to the torrential weather at Port Botany, the following changes to availability at the Terminal for the following vessels are as stated:

- HYUNDAI UNITY: Available from 11th February, Storage 14th February
- FRISIA ALLER: Available from 11th February, Storage 14th February
- DEBUSSY: Available from 12th February, Storage 15th February
- MSC ADITI: Available from 12th February, Storage 15th February
- MOL GENESIS: Available from 13th February, Storage 16th February

Because of the flash flooding, please expect transport and deliveries will be impacted. The approximate duration of delay is 5 days. Please reach out to your sales representative to assist you with planning during this time at [sales@stockwells.com.au](mailto:sales@stockwells.com.au) or 1300 786 468.

## **Yang Ming Ship Released from Arrest**

FTA have been advised that a notice was sent out advising that the vessel YM Eternity has been released from arrest and commenced operations again since being detained by the Australian Federal court to recover a 20 million dollar clean up debt after a sister ship, YM Efficiency lost 81 shipping containers off the coast of Newcastle in June 2018.

The FTA has also been advised that there will be no further disruptions to other Australian port and the matter of the arrest is being addressed by insurers.

Please be aware that because of these initial issues, there still may be impacts to future voyages and transport times please get in contact with your sales representative with any queries at [sales@stockwells.com.au](mailto:sales@stockwells.com.au) or 1300 786 468

## **IMO Market Changes and Terminal Access Charge Increase**

At the end of 2019, reported changes to charges for Terminal Access Charge and IMO2020 due to its unknown impact.

- Terminal Access Charge

Patrick Terminals have announced they are following DP World's lead to increase Terminal Access Charge as of 9th March 2020. Australian Peak Shippers Association is continuing their engagement with Victorian Government as well as meeting the NSW Commissioner on Friday 14th of February to push the review of stevedores landside charges.

Transport companies have not yet announced the effect on transport due to increases of rates, however it is predicted to increase from March.

- IMO2020

Persistent rise in the LSFO prices for bunker will cause the following Low Sulphur Recovery levels from the 1st of March 2020 on transhipment trades from Asia/Americas/Africa to the Pacific Islands.

USD 325 per dry teu  
USD 488 per reefer teu

This surcharge is to be applied on top of current ongoing rates.

# Rate Increases

## Fuel Levy

Please note that effective 1st January 2020, Stockwell's fuel surcharge has increased from 12% to 13%. This increase applies to NSW, QLD and VIC only.



### Customer Feedback

If you have any issues you would like to resolve or feedback in general, good or bad, please send an email to [feedback@stockwells.com.au](mailto:feedback@stockwells.com.au). This goes directly to Angela Gambell (Director) for immediate action.

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