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Dear Sir, Madam,

**China-wide container throughput up 17% in first half - PSS postponed**

The ports of China handled 61.4 million TEU during the first half of this year, an increase of 17.1 % over the same period last year, Logistics Week reported.

On the trade with Europe, the FEFC members decided individually to postpone the implementation of the Peak Season Surcharge of USD 158/TEU until further notice. The current market conditions are not justifying a PSS. The loading factor of the vessels will be monitored during the coming weeks.

**SEA-AIR from China via Vancouver to Europe**

As an alternative for traditional air freight, Polytra is offering its customers a combination of sea and air freight from China, Hong Kong and Taiwan via Korea or Dubai. Additionally, a new service has been started twice a week from Hong Kong, Taiwan and China by sea freight to Vancouver whereas goods are shipped to final destination by air. This service - which is more economical than the sea-air services via Korea and Dubai - is a good alternative for late shipments which were initially scheduled to be shipped ship by LCL.

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**USA Exports - US Mandatory Automated Export System (AES)**

The US Department of Commerce and Census have issued a final rule in the Code of Federal Regulations, requiring the mandatory use of AES export reporting for US shipped cargo (please check also [www.census.gov/foreign-trade/eas](http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/eas)).

The new rules not only revise mandatory electronic reporting requirements for principal parties of interest (PPI's) but for the carriers as well. This includes strict timing requirements prior to carrier arrival and loading. The regulation will be enforced by Customs and Border Protection (CBP) at US ports of exit. This regulation now has penalty provisions which have increased to USD 10,000 per incident, both for the shipper and carrier.

Stricter official rulings created by the US customs authorities to follow in the nearby future, shipping lines are forced to introduce and implement an effective closing for all export bookings. As from August 15th a documentary closing set at 48 H, prior □starting vessels operations□ and a physical closing set at 24 H □starting vessels operations□ will be in place without exception.

Best regards,

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## Holiday notice Polytra office - Belgium

On Friday August 15th all operational activities will be suspended due to Assumption Day - our offices will be closed. Work will be resumed on August 18th.

## Fuel surcharges

Fuel surcharges for truckings ex Antwerp/Zeebruges remain at 17.5%. Fuel surcharges for FCL truckings ex Rotterdam went slightly down from 19% to 18% as from August 1st.

## Sea freight surcharges

As from 01/08/2008 on-board date till 30/08/2008 following surcharges apply :

To/from the Far East (FEFC):

BAF: USD 687/TEU USD 1374/FEU USD 35/CBM

CAF: 17.10%

SUZ: USD 9/TEU USD 18/FEU

NPC : USD 250/20ft ex Yantai, Lianyungang, Dalian, Xingang/Tianjin and Qingdao

VPC: USD 50/TEU (Vietnam Port Congestion surcharge)

To/from India/Pakistan/Bangladesh/Sri Lanka :

BAF: USD 460/TEU USD 920/FEU USD 25/CBM

CAF: 18.93%

SUZ: USD 9/TEU USD 18/FEU

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