



Dear Sir, Madam,

While in Europe summer holidays are starting and China is heading for the final preparations of the Olympic games, the biggest shipping lines in the world are trying to hold their market shares on exports from China by lowering their rates. At the same time bunker and fuel surcharges are rising to unknown heights!

MSC resigned from the FEF Conference last month. They will officially leave the conference at the end of September, 15 days before the same conference stops to exist anyway. It is yet clear that the announced General Rate Increase starting this month will not be applied. The implementation of the Peak Season Surcharge as from 01/08 remains officially in place for the time being.

#### **Trucking regulations during the Beijing Olympics**

The website <http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90882/6433571.html> comprises a comprehensive list of regulations concerning trucking regulations during the Beijing Olympics (in English).

We have summarized the main points as follows :

1. From July 1-Sept. 20 trucks that do not meet the "EURO 1" emissions standard will not be allowed on the roads in Beijing -- this includes the entire Beijing Administrative Region, not only the city itself. It is estimated that this regulation will remove approximately 270,000 trucks from the roads in Beijing.
2. From July 20-Sept. 20 the "odd / even" system will be in place. This will apply to both cars and trucks.
3. Non-Beijing licensed vehicles will not be allowed within the 6th ring. In addition, only national highway 102 will be open to trucks up to the 6th ring road. That highway is therefore going to be constantly jammed with traffic.

In short, it is now clear that there are going to be delays -- possibly serious delays -- in the pick up and delivery of cargo in the Beijing area.

This is going to effect Tianjin as well, as Beijing importers / exporters using the port of Tianjin will have trouble getting their cargo to/from the port.

Best regards,

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### Holiday notice Japan agent offices

Please kindly be informed that Japan agent offices will be closed for the Marine day on **JUL. 21<sup>st</sup> 08** and will resume on Jul. 22<sup>nd</sup> 08. Please keep this in mind when you arrange shipments to Japan and kindly forward all documents to us until Jul. 18<sup>th</sup> 08.

### Fuel surcharges

Fuel surcharges for truckings ex Antwerp/Zeebruges have gone up to 17.5% as from July1st. Fuel surcharges for FCL truckings ex Rotterdam amount to 19% as from July 1st.

### Sea freight surcharges

#### **Vietnam Port Congestion Surcharge (VPC)**

Member Lines of the FEFC have been monitoring the port situation at Vietnam and are very concerned with the increased congestion experienced there. This has resulted in increased costs and Lines are no longer able to fully bear the extra costs of serving the Vietnam ports.

It is therefore their intention to implement a **Port Congestion Surcharge of USD 50 per TEU for B/L dated on or after 15th July 2008**. This surcharge will apply to both eastbound and westbound cargo. The situation at Vietnam will be kept under review and the Surcharge will be adjusted accordingly.

#### **Peak Season Surcharge (PSS)**

Further to the announcement dated 28th February, Member Lines of the FEFC wish to inform customers that the following PSS will apply:

From Asia (excluding Japan) to Northern Europe: **USD 158.00 per TEU with effect from 1st August 2008 until 17th October 2008**. Please be guided accordingly.

#### **As from 01/07/2008 on-board date till 31/07/2008 following surcharges apply :**

To/from the Far East (FEFC):

BAF: USD 621/TEU USD 1242/FEU USD 30/CBM

CAF: 17.40%

SUZ: USD 9/TEU USD 18/FEU

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

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

BAF: USD 415/TEU USD 830/FEU USD 22/CBM

CAF: 19.10%

SUZ: USD 9/TEU USD 18/FEU

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