



Dear Sir, Madam,

### **AIR FREIGHT - AN OPTION?**

Clearly the bottom of the current crisis has not been reached. Nevertheless the first signs of a changing model in the supply chain appear. As customers want a great product at the best price, stock levels have to be reduced and delivery times have to be improved.

The production areas of the world remain in the meantime in Asia. Ocean liners are delaying or cancelling voyages, slow-steaming on certain routes and over 1,000 vessels are currently idle to reduce capacity and to cut costs. Not a bright outlook if you are able to sell a product but cannot deliver on time ! When it comes to reliability and speed, air freight may seem the only option to keep the time to market as short as possible. But what about the cost ?

IATA has defined 3 major priorities being security (and the costs related to screening), e-freight (efficiency savings) and Quality cargo 2000.

Polytra offers its customers solutions adapted to their needs.

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### **ALL INDIA MAJOR STRIKE**

All India Port Workers Federation has served the strike notice against their demand of wage hike from March 10th onwards. There will be a meeting of all leaders at New Delhi on March 4th. Consequently, delays in operational activities may occur. We will keep you posted on further developments.

### **COME AND MEET US IN MUNICH ! May 12th - 15th 2009**

Polytra will be present at the Transport Logistic Munich fair.

Every two years it brings the “who’s who” in the industry together in Munich for a unique exhibition—with innovative solutions and products for the entire value-added chain in the transport, logistics and telematics sectors.

In 2007, 1,582 exhibitors from 57 countries participated in the fair to present their latest developments to 47,636 highly qualified trade visitors from 118 countries, make contact with decision-makers in all sectors of the logistics industry and secure themselves a valuable know-how advantage.

More information: [contactus@polytra.be](mailto:contactus@polytra.be) or [www.transportlogistic.de](http://www.transportlogistic.de)

Best regards,  
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### Fuel

As of March 1st 2009, fuel surcharges for truckings ex Antwerp/Zeebruges go down to 5%; fuel surcharges for truckings ex Rotterdam go down to 6%.

### BAF/CAF

Please visit our website to view the latest surcharges and THC : [www.polytra.be](http://www.polytra.be)

### **CAF: APPLICATION NOWADAYS**

More and more shipping lines are starting to apply CAF on rate elements such as:

- Basic Ocean Freight
- Transport (or Feeder) Additional
- Congestion
- War Risk
- Dangerous Cargo
- Special Equipment
- Peak Season Surcharge
- Winter Surcharge

### **EXCEPT FOR BAF**

If any of these charges are applied, the CAF will apply to the full lump sum, except for BAF.

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### Others

Other surcharges such as, but not limited to, ISPS, LSF, PSS, VPS, NPC, SUZ will be charged as per outlay in our tariff quotes.

### E-POLYTRA

Trace your orders from ASIA (air and sea) on [www.polytra.be](http://www.polytra.be) -> E-POLYTRA

### FAST QUOTES

Via [www.poytra.be](http://www.poytra.be) you can now send all rate inquiries to [fastquotes@polytra.be](mailto:fastquotes@polytra.be). We guarantee to return you an offer for air or sea freight within the shortest delay.

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