



Dear Sir, Madam,

Westbound Asia rates are rising extremely fast these days as vessels are fully booked and carriers clearly have the upper hand. A number of shipping lines have also announced further increases of surcharges (including but not limited to PSS, AGS, ...).

Further to a survey conducted by the Danske Bank the European Freight Forwarding Index shows a significant improvement on the leading part of the index, sending a clear signal that volumes are expected to improve within a couple of months following a weak start to 2010. Their overall market view has been confirmed, that the recovery in the freight market is in place, but the speed of the recovery is limited so far.

At the same time shipping lines are further deploying a slow speed steaming schedule, adding up to 7 days transit time on the current transit times (east- and westbound). Routings and port rotations are changed weekly.

This week the CKYH alliance has agreed to start Slow Steaming on NE-3 service Eastbound with immediate effect (first vessel m/s Hamburg Bridge v.003E – ETA Rtm 7<sup>th</sup> Feb). This initiative will result in a longer transit time by 5 days to Singapore & 7 days to Xingang, Dalian and Qingdao ports. Fyg, this NE-3 service has no a direct call in Antwerp. They will have no sailing on the Eastbound leg ex NWC to Asia in week 12 (22 till 28 March) for the following services NE1 / NE2 and NE4. This will lead to additional pressure on the space in the weeks ahead.

In addition we have gathered following information on cancellations of departures :

NWA  
SCX omitting on week 8, no allocation on CFX/NCE  
AEX Allocation on week 8 ex South China reduced by 40%

MOL reducing its allocation artificially by 30%.

CSCCL - Fully booked in February with a current backlog of 2000teu

AMX1 Feb 21 omitted  
AEX3 Feb 22 omitted  
AEX7 Feb 25 omitted  
AEX4 (shared allocation with CMA) on Mar 1 may be omitted (TBC)

NE4 on Feb 28 omitted  
MD2 on Feb 28 omitted  
ABX on Feb 26 omitted

Maersk  
AE7/12 week 8 omitted  
AE3/10/11/21/23 week 9 omitted  
AE21/23 week 10 omitted

Grand Alliance  
Allocation on loop A in week 9 ex South China reduced by 25%

Evergreen  
CES etd HKG on Feb 26 will be advance to Feb 20  
CEM sailing from Shenzhen will be omitted  
No sailing to NC in last week of February

UASC

AEC3/AMC1/AMC2 week 9 omitted  
AEC3/AEC4 2 additional void sailings after CNY yet to be defined.

PIL announced a restart of the services to/from the Far East. Maiden voyage would be Kota Lambai etd Shanghai 13/03/10 eta Antwerp on 17/04/10. Rotation will be as follows:  
Shanghai - Ningbo - Hong Kong - Shekou - Nansha - Singapore - Port Kelang - Rotterdam - Hamburg - Antwerp - Port Kelang - Singapore - Shekou - Shanghai

Other markets

Also on the Europe – Mediterranean trades increases are announced starting from March 1<sup>st</sup> for all cargo from North West Europe, UK, Ireland, Scandinavia and Baltic seaports to Greece, Black Sea and Turkey.

#### **Airfreight**

The top world-wide freight airports in the world for 2009 :

1. Memphis
2. Hong Kong
3. Shanghai

Polytra offers daily flights from these major airports to any European airport.

Office closure in China:  
During Chinese New Year, our offices in China are closed from Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010.  
Normal business schedule will resume on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010.

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### FRANCE

March 23rd - 26th 2010 : SITL PARIS

### INDIA

March 20th - 27th 2010 – Mumbai - Pune

### EUROPE

May 18th - 20th 2010 – 5th Breakbulk Europe Fair - Antwerp

Best regards,

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### FUEL SURCHARGE

As of August 1st 2009, fuel surcharges for truckings ex Antwerp/Zeebruges remain set at 5%. Fuel surcharges ex Rotterdam: 7% as from August 1st onwards.

### OTHER SURCHARGES

All surcharges such as, but not limited to, AGF, PRS, BAF, CAF, BUC, ISPS, LSF, PSS, VPS, NPC, SCS will be charged as per outlay in our tariff quotes.

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