

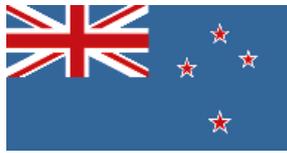


## NEWS ALERT

*23rd of May 2016*

### **New Zealand Office Opening**

Stockwells are pleased to announce the opening of a new branch in New Zealand headed by Mr Nick Larsen. This is an exciting opportunity for Stockwells and we look forward to building this trade lane. Any enquiries please contact [sales@stockwells.com.au](mailto:sales@stockwells.com.au)



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## News Headlines Extended

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### General Rate Increase and Other Surcharges

#### GRI

#### BAF

Ex United States and Canada to Australia and New Zealand - **USD250 per 20' and USD500 per 40', Low Sulphur Surcharge USD15 per 20' and USD30 per 40' effective the 1st of July**

Ex Australia to USA, Canada and Mexico - **USD455 per 20' and USD910 per 40' effective the 26th of May**

Ex UK/North West Continent and Mediterranean to Australia and New Zealand - **USD300 per 20' and USD600 per 40' effective the 1st of June**

#### OTHER

#### Qingdao Import Hazardous Goods Restriction

Due to Limitation for Hazardous Goods (DG) allowed at the 'Qingdao Qianwan United Container Terminal', all import DG cargoes discharged in Qingdao must be picked up within 5 days from the date of container discharge.

Shipping lines have been informed and have been told to push consignee to clear the discharge DG from the storage area within 5 days, otherwise it could affect the next incoming vessel which will face the consequences of no DG allowed for discharge.

#### Dangerous Goods Shipments to Shanghai

We have been informed by the Shanghai government that Shanghai Dangerous Goods warehouse started an engineering project against explosive cargo. This project is

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expected to be completed by then end of July, until then the following DG classes are forbidden in the Dangerous Goods warehouse during until the project is completed:

- Class 1.3, 1.4

- Ammonium Nitrate Cargo;

Class 5.1: UN2426 / UN3375 / UN1942 / UN2067

Class 9: UN2071

### **Update - Verified Export Container Weights**

Effective 1st July 2016, an adjustment covering Export Container Weight regulations will be implemented by International Maritime Organisation (IMO) under the Safety of Life At Sea (SOLAS) Convention. The Verified Gross Mass (VGM) Certification will be applicable to all Export Containers including FCL or FAK Containers worldwide. Verified Gross Mass (VGM) represents weight of goods, packaging, stowage materials & container weight, sum of all combined will be correct Verified Gross Mass (VGM) Certification.

This is being introduced to boost marine safety and decrease dangers of accidents occurring due to container weight issues, therefore protecting vessels and human beings operating or working on vessels. All parties or entities listed as 'Shipper' on the Carriers Bill Of Lading are responsible for timely and correct submission of Verified Gross Mass (VGM) Certification.

Carriers have announced that no VGM Certification means no loading, which will result in shipment delays which are then likely to produce extra costs such as document amendment fees, repacking charges and even container demurrage fees. Incorrect VGM Certifications are expected to be treated in a more serious manner resulting in financial penalties, sanctions and future shipment profiling by Carriers, this includes incorrect VGM Certification on both overweight and underweight measurement.

For more information regarding the VGM, Please follow the attached [SOLAS Guidelines](#) Handbook.

### **How to apply for Australian Trusted Trader**

From the 1st of July 2016, it is intended that Australian Trusted Trader (ATT) will be fully operational and open to all participants in the international trade supply chain.

Some of the benefits of becoming an Australian Trusted Trader are:

- enhanced client service through the provision of a dedicated point of contact,
- fewer examinations and priority service
- priority consideration of trade advice rulings and applications

There are no upfront or ongoing fees and charges associated with lodging an Expression of Interest for being a Trusted Trader. However, there may be some additional costs

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associated with meeting the required standards for the programme.

If you wish to read more information regarding becoming a Trusted Trader, please [click here](#)

### **HS International Commodity Codes**

Please be advised that recently some of the Australian Port Authorities have requested that Import Manifests received from the shipping line need to contain the 6 digit HS International commodity code. However, in the event the shippers / booking parties cannot supply this data, agents will continue to take the booking and apply the appropriate 6 digit HS code that is in their booking system.

To eliminate any confusion, there is no penalty that is levied by Port Authorities in the event of any missing / incorrect HS commodity codes.

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