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**ALSO INCLUDED**

# MARKET SUMMARY

- Shipping lines are advising that they intend to lift ocean freight rates again on the Asia to Australia trade-lane by USD 500 per 20' / USD 1000 per 40'.
- MSC has announced an intention to introduce a service calling directly at the Vietnamese port of Ho Chi Minh City on a service to Australia in the new year.
- Shipping lines are utilising containers in a less than desirable condition in order to meet the demand for empty containers in China, please ensure that suppliers are checking containers carefully before loading cargo.
- Transport routes are becoming heavily congested with the pre-Christmas rush to get cargo delivered all over the country. Wait time for bookings is now several days to have a truck for large interstate cargo movements.
- Congestion in Chinese ports is starting to ease slightly with a marginal drop off in the demand for shipping space, mostly due to the upcoming holiday period and any cargo for pre-Christmas arrival now already on the water.
- Terminals around Australia continue to announce further Terminal Access Charge increases to be applied from January 2021.

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# LATEST NEWS



## MSC'S NEW PORT ROTATIONS FOR ASIA-OCEANIA

**M**editerranean Shipping Company has since announced new port rotations within its Asia-Oceania service network.

Re-shuffling of their Capricorn and Kiwi Express services will aim to boost their network in the southeast Asia, Australia and New Zealand market. In addition, the Swiss line has announced that the Panda line will replace the previous Sydney Sweeper service, which will instead offer a direct connection between China and Australia.

The company announced, “MSC aims, with this enhanced network, to offer customers operating businesses in China, Southeast Asia and Oceania, fast and reliable services to respond to their needs”.

Capricorn’s new port rotation will be Singapore – Fremantle – Adelaide – Melbourne – Bluff – Napier – Tauranga – Auckland – Brisbane – Jakarta – Tanjung Pelepas. The updated service will see its first sailing with 3,400 TEU MSC Banu leave Singapore on the 20th December.

Kiwi Express’ updated rotation will be Singapore – Jakarta – Brisbane – Sydney

– Auckland – Nelson – Wellington – Lyttleton – Port Chalmers – Brisbane – Tanjung Pelepas with their first voyage occurring on the 26th December with Northern Diamond.

Reference: Sexton,D. (2020). MSC Announces New Port Rotations for Asia-Oceania. Retrieved from [https://www.thedcn.com.au/msc-announces-new-port-rotations-for-asia-oceania/?utm\\_source=DCN+Daily+Newswire&utm\\_campaign=3a5ba14bf5-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_11\\_30\\_2020\\_COPY\\_544&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_505d67c448-3a5ba14bf5-143548541](https://www.thedcn.com.au/msc-announces-new-port-rotations-for-asia-oceania/?utm_source=DCN+Daily+Newswire&utm_campaign=3a5ba14bf5-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_11_30_2020_COPY_544&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_505d67c448-3a5ba14bf5-143548541) on 14th December, 2020.

# PUSH TO LIFT BAN ON AUSTRALIAN CRUISE SHIPPING



The Federal Government have been urged by Ports Australia and the Cruise Lines International Association to lift the ban on cruise shipping in Australian waters. The ban was initially implemented to cease the spread of Covid-19, with the Ruby Princess in Sydney notoriously known for contributing to the virus' spread.

However, Ports Australia CEO Mike Gallacher and CLIA managing director Joe Katz, spoke to 2GB Radio's Joe Hildebrand arguing that now was the time to unleash the economic potential of the cruise given the virus continues to be kept under control.

Mr. Katz says, "our passengers are saying out loud that they want to get back to sea again as soon as they can. We believe Australia's success in getting the virus under control really creates the opportunity for some domestic cruising. We have some amazing communities all around the country and those regional destinations are crying out for visitors."

Mr. Gallacher highlighted that there were "regional communities right around the country screaming out for these vessels to return, particularly in the domestic market".

"Industry internationally is working with governments around the clock so the protocols are in place to ensure safe passage. We've got thousands of people who rely on these vessels... in regional ports right around the country and that market is growing," Mr. Gallacher said.

Additionally, Mr. Gallacher mentioned that local communities from Geraldton to Cairns should be saying "we need these vessels back". He also expressed the desire to "get a wiggle on" to ensure the Australian cruise sector continued to be an important part of the Pacific market and "start to rebuild that trust and relationship".

Reference: Sexton, D. (2020). Mike and Joel make the case for cruise. Retrieved from [https://www.thedcn.com.au/mike-and-joel-make-the-case-for-cruise/?utm\\_source=DCN+Daily+Newswire&utm\\_campaign=96aecafa67-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_11\\_30\\_2020\\_COPY\\_546&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_505d67c448-96aecafa67-143548541](https://www.thedcn.com.au/mike-and-joel-make-the-case-for-cruise/?utm_source=DCN+Daily+Newswire&utm_campaign=96aecafa67-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_11_30_2020_COPY_546&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_505d67c448-96aecafa67-143548541) on 15th December, 2020.

# GRAIN TRAIN DERAILS



**T**he derailment of a train is currently being investigated by logistics company, Qube. The train was hauling 2600 tonnes of grain to Port Kembla on early Tuesday. Qube have stated that no one was injured during the derailment however, 39 wagons left the track near Farmborough Heights on the Moss Vale to Unanderra freight line.

“The two drivers aboard were given support by ambulance officers but were uninjured. The train was understood to have been heading to the Quattro facility at Port Kembla with a full load of wheat from Southern NSW when the incident occurred at 5am Tuesday. Several transport and safety investigations have already begun and Qube says it is helping authorities with their inquiries. It is unclear when the track will be cleared but crews are working now to clear the site”, says Qube.

The Australian Rail Track Corporation confirmed the incident, in a short statement expressing thanks for the customer’s patience.



An upended grain carriage. Photography Credit: Facebook and Lake Illawarra Police

Reference: Sexton, D. (2020). Grain train derails near Wollongong. Retrieved from [https://www.thedcn.com.au/grain-train-derails-near-wollongong/?utm\\_source=DCN+Daily+Newswire&utm\\_campaign=83c3879e9d-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_11\\_30\\_2020\\_COPY\\_547&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_505d67c448-83c3879e9d-143548541](https://www.thedcn.com.au/grain-train-derails-near-wollongong/?utm_source=DCN+Daily+Newswire&utm_campaign=83c3879e9d-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_11_30_2020_COPY_547&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_505d67c448-83c3879e9d-143548541) on 16th December, 2020.

# IMPORTANT NOTICE

## CONTAINER CHECKING

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A severe shortage of containers in Asia has forced operators to utilise old containers which were intended for disposal. Due to the compromised container quality, some products developed mould.

Therefore, suppliers are reminded to double check containers prior to loading to ensure the container is in good condition; free of holes and mould. Poor container conditions can diminish the quality of shipped goods during transportation.

If you have any questions regarding checking for container and cargo quality, please contact one of our friendly Tomax team members on 1300 186 629.



# STAFF SPOTLIGHT



**MEET  
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## WHAT DO YOU DO AT TOMAX?

I am a Transport Operations Clerk. Besides working with the internal team, I also contact the warehouses, carriers and customers to ensure cargo is delivered efficiently. I am proud to apply my knowledge and skills from my Communication Management course.

## FAVOURITE ACTIVITY/HOBBY?

My favourite activities include watching movies, admiring the sunset, going on long drives and sleeping. I have also tried some wild and weird activities that I would do once in a life-time but keep them as secrets!

## SOMETHING YOU'D LIKE TO LEARN HOW TO DO?

Public speaking- to overcome my shyness and be more confident in expressing myself.

## YOUR PROUDEST MOMENT?

My proudest moment was joining Tomax! I am glad that I didn't settle for a job as a waitress. I am also proud to tell everyone that an international student from a developing country is now working in her field of interest.

## FAVOURITE PLACE TO TRAVEL?

I have been to 13 countries, but haven't found my favourite place yet. That might be the reason why I should explore more places. I would love to visit world heritages and do the New Years' countdown in different cities.

## ANY PLANS THIS CHRISTMAS/END OF YEAR?

My plans this Christmas/end of year include attending Christmas dinners, doing lots of shopping and of course the end of year countdown!

# THANK YOU!

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The Tomax team would like to extend our sincere gratitude for your continuous support. Please see below our Christmas operating hours across all departments. May you and your family have a happy and safe holiday!

## TOMAX CLOSING & REOPENING DATES:

**TOMAX LOGISTICS (includes Brisbane office)**  
Closed only on public holidays

**TOMAX TRANSPORT**  
Closed 25th December 2020  
until 4th January 2021

**TOMAX WAREHOUSING**  
Closed 25th December 2020  
until 4th January 2021

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# FRIDAY FUNNIES

We hope these funny or not-so-funny jokes will brighten up your day as we approach another weekend!

I lost my job at the bank on my first day. A woman asked me to check her balance so I pushed her over.

My son asked me to put his shoes on, but I don't think they'll fit me.

What do you call an unpredictable camera?  
A loose Canon.

What did the drummer call his twin daughters?  
Anna One, Anna Two!

What kind of music do chiropractors like?  
Hip pop.

What's red and smells like blue paint?  
Red paint.

Why did the man fall down the well?  
Because he couldn't see that well.

Why do bees have sticky hair?  
Because they use a honey comb.

Two guys walked into a bar.  
The third guy ducked.



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