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MARKET SUMMARY

- **King's Birthday Monday 9th June:**

Please note that all containers collected off the wharf between: Saturday 07/06 - Monday 09/06 inclusive will incur a Long Weekend Collection Surcharge.

TARIFF CONCESSIONS GAZETTE (TC)

Tariff Concession Orders (TCOs) are an Australian Government revenue concession that exists where there are no known Australian manufacturers of goods that are substitutable for imported goods.

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PFAS BAN UPDATE: KEY INFORMATION FOR BROKERS AND IMPORTERS

Freight & Trade Alliance (FTA) recently met with representatives from the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW), specifically the IChEMS team, to discuss the upcoming ban on certain per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), which is set to take effect from 1 July 2025 under the Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management Standard (IChEMS).

This ban will not involve intervention at the border. Instead, the government expects importers, exporters and users of industrial chemicals to comply with IChEMS requirements directly. Customs brokers, in particular, have a vital role to play in helping clients understand and meet their obligations.

What You Need to Know:

- **No Border Enforcement (Yet):** Restrictions on PFAS will not be applied through border clearance processes at this stage.
- **State and Federal Alignment:** Enforcement will occur through state, territory, and federal adoption of IChEMS into environmental laws.
- **Future Legislation Coming:** The Commonwealth is developing legislation to regulate PFAS importation and usage. Industry input, including from FTA members, will be sought during this process.

- **Transition Period Available:** This is a valuable opportunity for businesses to prepare—by reviewing supply chains and adopting compliant practices—before enforcement is introduced.

Guidance for Compliance:

The [IChEMS Industry Guidance for PFAS](#) includes key advice on:

- How to identify compliant or lower-risk alternatives
- Administrative and testing steps to confirm compliance
- Thresholds for trace contamination
- How the guidance aligns with EU POPs regulations

Recommended Next Steps for Customs Brokers:

- Reach out to clients to raise awareness of their responsibilities under IChEMS
- Support importers in reviewing their supply chains and identifying early compliance solutions
- Encourage clients to subscribe to DCCEEW updates (email: ichems.enquiry@dcceew.gov.au) for the latest information

If you have any queries on the above, please do not hesitate to contact one of our friendly team members on 1300 186 629.



ALC PUSHES FOR GREENER FREIGHT SOLUTIONS

The Australian Logistics Council (ALC) is calling for coordinated investment in affordable and cleaner energy to help the freight and logistics industry reach net zero carbon emissions.

In a submission to the Productivity Commission, the ALC advocated for policies that “strengthen the productivity, resilience, and sustainability of Australia’s supply chains.”

The submission acknowledges that the transition to low-emissions technology is already underway. However, it highlights the unique needs of energy-intensive freight operations: “However, long-haul heavy vehicles, rail freight and other energy-intensive freight assets require coordinated national investment in zero-emissions refuelling corridors, energy infrastructure in logistics precincts and upgraded grid capacity,” the submission reads.

The ALC warns that the lack of clear investment signals and regulatory certainty is delaying progress: “The absence of clear investment signals and regulatory certainty is delaying fleet renewal and infrastructure planning.”

The submission also highlights the distinct challenges faced by ports and maritime freight infrastructure, especially as operations begin to electrify: “Shore-side operations are rapidly electrifying, requiring improved access to renewable energy.”

With international shipping moving towards alternative fuels like ammonia, methanol, and biofuels, Australian ports must be prepared: “Global shipping is also shifting to alternative fuels such as ammonia, methanol, and biofuels. Australian ports must anticipate future fuel bunkering requirements, shore power capabilities and integration with local renewable systems.”

The ALC stressed the importance of national strategy: “Effective national coordination and forward planning are essential to support decarbonised trade corridors and maintain international competitiveness.”

A particular concern raised in the submission is emissions from ships while at berth, which are currently under-regulated: “Ships often use auxiliary engines to power onboard systems, releasing greenhouse gases, air pollutants and noise...This harmonised approach improves air quality and encourages shipping decarbonisation...Australia should consider similar measures.”

The ALC’s message is clear: without national coordination and investment in clean energy infrastructure, Australia risks falling behind global standards in sustainable freight and logistics.

Sexton, D. (2025). Industry body pushes clean energy message. Retrieved from <https://www.thedcn.com.au/region/australia/industry-body-pushes-clean-energy-message/> on 5th June, 2025.



MINIMUM DOCUMENTARY AND IMPORT DECLARATION REQUIREMENTS POLICY UPDATE TO METHYL BROMIDE FUMIGATION CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

This update affects importers, suppliers and customs brokers for goods fumigated with methyl bromide prior to export to Australia, and accredited persons operating under the class 19 approved arrangements.

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry implemented version 3.0 of the Methyl Bromide Fumigation Methodology on 1 May 2025. The methodology includes changes to the minimum requirements for fumigation certificates for treatments performed according to the methodology. These minimum requirements are listed in version 3.0 of the methodology in section 12 Documentation. Templates that meet the new requirements are available now.

The Minimum documentary and import declaration requirements policy (Min Docs policy) will be updated with revised requirements for methyl bromide fumigation certificates. This change harmonises certificate requirements where possible, and these will now be presented through import conditions in BICON rather than the Min Docs policy.

Import industry advice notice 122-2025 outlines that a transition period for treatment certificates will be in place until 30 June 2025. Methyl bromide fumigation certificates that meet the requirements of section 12.3 of the Methyl bromide fumigation methodology version 3.0 will be accepted for treatments commencing after 1 May 2025 00:00 (midnight local time).

Certificates that meet current import conditions and Minimum documentary and import declaration requirements policy version 4.1 requirements will continue to be accepted for treatments commencing before 1 July 2025 00:00 (midnight local time).

Unless otherwise stated in import conditions, all offshore fumigation certificates for treatments commencing after 1 July 2025 00:00 (midnight local time) must contain the information outlined at section 12.3 of the Methyl bromide fumigation methodology v3.0. A help card will be available on Learnhub for accredited individuals who assess methyl bromide fumigation certificates as part of their class 19 approved arrangement.



BRISBANE PORT MAPS OUT FUTURE GROWTH FOR 2060

The Port of Brisbane has launched Vision 2060, a long-term roadmap aimed at strengthening Queensland's economy, advancing sustainable trade, and transforming the port into a cleaner, smarter, and more connected hub.

Announced this week, the plan is built around three strategic pillars, or "horizons":

- **Seamless Connectivity** – Building an integrated, intelligent logistics network to boost efficiency, support global supply chains, and connect Queensland businesses to international markets.
- **Clean Energy** – Expanding the use of renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, and hydrogen to power a port-wide net zero future and establish the Port as a clean energy leader.
- **Designed for Future Generations** – Focusing on resilient infrastructure, environmental conservation, workforce development, and sustainable economic growth.

Port of Brisbane CEO Neil Stephens said the vision was about staying ahead of change. "The way we trade and move goods is evolving, and Vision 2060 positions the Port of Brisbane to be at the forefront of that change," he said.

The roadmap was developed in collaboration with industry, government, and community partners, acknowledging Queensland's growing population and rising demand across container trade, energy, and cruise tourism.

"This is an opportunity to create a port that is cleaner, smarter and more connected, that will drive Queensland's continued prosperity for generations to come," Mr Stephens said, "vision 2060 is an invitation to all our stakeholders – a call to innovate, collaborate and shape a globally competitive port that continues to deliver long-term value."

Modelling by Deloitte Access Economics suggests the Port of Brisbane and its supply chain could contribute \$25 billion to Queensland's economy by 2060.

Stephens stressed that sustainability is central to the port's long-term strategy: "Our vision goes beyond business as usual. Ultimately, this is about ensuring Brisbane's port of the future is driven by seamless connectivity, powered by clean energy and designed for future generations," he said, "the port will continue to lead and create shared value, working closely with local communities to create jobs and develop partnerships that have a positive impact."

The Brisbane International Cruise Terminal (BICT) is also set to play a major role in the future of the state's cruise industry. "We know the demand is there for more cruising and we believe additional capacity at the BICT will help Brisbane become the national capital for cruising in the decades to come," Mr Stephens said.

Key Initiatives in Vision 2060 Include:

- Dedicated freight road and rail links
- Integrated regional logistics hubs
- Autonomous zero-emission freight corridors
- Channel upgrades for greater capacity
- Expansion of the cruise terminal
- Electrified port operations
- Renewable energy production on-site
- Low-carbon fuel infrastructure
- AI-driven cargo management systems
- Workforce development and innovation hubs

With Vision 2060, the Port of Brisbane aims to lead Australia's logistics sector into a future defined by sustainability, innovation, and global competitiveness.

Sexton, D. (2025). Port of Brisbane unveils Vision 2060. Retrieved from <https://www.thedcn.com.au/sticky/port-of-brisbane-unveils-vision-2060/> on 6th June, 2025.



STRONG GROWTH AHEAD FOR AUSTRALIA'S 3PL SECTOR

Australia's third-party logistics (3PL) sector is on a significant growth trajectory, with new research from the IMARC Group forecasting the market to expand from USD 24.03 billion in 2024 to USD 44.32 billion by 2033. This reflects a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 7.04% over the period.

Several key trends are driving this expansion such as rising e-commerce activity, increasing digitisation of supply chains and growing demand for value-added services. Across industries like retail, manufacturing and healthcare, more businesses are outsourcing logistics to focus on their core operations—fueling demand for 3PL solutions.

Technological innovation is also playing a central role. Advances in automation and warehouse management systems (WMS) are boosting efficiency, scalability and accuracy. In response, 3PL providers are increasingly offering end-to-end solutions—ranging from inventory management and transportation to customs clearance and last-mile delivery. This shift is helping meet the rising customer expectations for faster, more transparent, and cost-effective logistics.

Regionally, New South Wales and Victoria continue to lead the market, thanks to their high population density and industrial activity. However, Queensland and Western Australia are catching up fast, thanks to growing infrastructure investment and expanding logistics needs in these states.

Major players shaping Australia's 3PL market are investing heavily in automation, sustainable practices and integrated IT platforms to stay ahead of market demands. With consumer and B2B expectations continuing to evolve, industry analysts agree that Australia's 3PL sector is well-positioned for steady, long-term growth.

Hazell, P. (2025). Report: 3PL market forecast to hit \$44 billion by 2033. Retrieved from <https://mhdsupplychain.com.au/2025/06/04/report-3pl-market-forecast-to-hit-44-billion-by-2033/> on 5th June, 2025.



NSW PORTS GROWS TRADE AND INVESTS IN SUSTAINABILITY

NSW Ports is enjoying another upbeat year across its two gateway harbours, Port Botany and Port Kembla, which together handle millions of tonnes of diverse cargo for the state economy.

Positive trade trends

Port Botany

- Container throughput is rising, with a record November and solid volumes in the Christmas lead-up; full-year box numbers are holding at 2.7 million TEU.
- Fuel and gas imports are 5 % higher than last year.
- Imports of machinery, electronics, transport equipment, paper and wood have grown, partly offset by softer demand for manufactured furniture and toys.
- Containerised exports edged up 0.6 %, led by higher shipments of iron, steel, aluminium products and foodstuffs.

Port Kembla

- Overall trade is up 3.5 % year-on-year.
- Grain exports have surged 33 %, delivering another bumper season.
- Motor-vehicle imports have fallen 17 %, mirroring a nationwide slide in car sales since 2024.
- In FY 2023/24 the port handled 405,000 vehicle imports (+2.5 %) and 2 million tonnes of grain (down from the 2023 record of 3.7 million tonnes).

Rail and berth capacity upgrades

- To keep pace with growth and curb truck traffic, NSW Ports is expanding its inland network at the Enfield Intermodal Logistics Centre and Cooks River Terminal, both linked directly to Port Botany.
- On-Dock Rail Investment Program (Stage 2) starts in the first half of 2025, delivered with terminal operator DP World.
- Four new 600-metre rail sidings and rail-mounted gantry cranes will lift terminal capacity to 1 million TEU a year.

- NSW Ports is contributing A\$148 million; DP World is investing A\$250 million in an extra siding and logistics-park upgrades.
- A separate project will extend Brotherson Dock South by 314 metres, allowing each of Port Botany's three container terminals to berth longer vessels simultaneously.

Transforming Port Kembla

- Port Kembla is pivoting to new energy and offshore-wind trades while supporting the state's first LNG import terminal.
- Offshore wind hub: NSW Ports is completing an environmental assessment to modify its 2011 Outer Harbour approval so the precinct can marshal wind-farm components in the near term and handle containers long term.
 - LNG import terminal: Developed by Squadron Energy, the facility is being commissioned in the Inner Harbour.
 - Capacity: 500 terajoules per day – enough to meet all NSW demand on a peak day or half of Victoria's.
 - Construction injected A\$27 million into the region and created around 200 jobs.

Sustainability milestones

- Rail share of freight at NSW Ports has risen 11 % since 2022.
- Energy-efficiency projects have cut electricity use at Enfield by 45 %.
- NSW Ports is on track to achieve net-zero Scope 1 and 2 emissions by mid-2025 and has drafted a Scope 3 decarbonisation roadmap.

With container and bulk trades climbing, major rail and berth investments under way, and a clear sustainability agenda, NSW Ports says it is positioning both Port Botany and Port Kembla for the state's evolving freight needs and the transition to a low-carbon economy.

Wallace, P. (2025). NSW: Keeping the wheels turning. Retrieved from <https://www.thedcn.com.au/dcn-magazine/feature/nsw-keeping-the-wheels-turning/> on 6th June, 2025.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

JACOB KNIGHT WEB DEVELOPER TOMAX LOGISTICS AUSTRALIA

What is your role at Tomax?

I am a Web/Software Developer.

Name your hobbies/interests?

My hobbies include swordfighting, coding, cycling, music, WebToons, manga, anime, art, cat pictures, sewing, crafts, camping, gym, gardening, gaming and the GeForce RTX 5090.

Your proudest achievement?

Starting up my own business in 2020 with a LAN gaming cafe and finishing my personal game project.

If you could time travel, which year would you visit and why?

2020, tell myself to wait a few years before starting my business venture!

What instantly puts a smile on your face?

Being the one to make other people laugh, then attaining a "my job is done here smile".

Favourite travel destination?

Japan - I went in mid 2024 during the middle of summer and it was amazing! I would love to go again when it's a little cooler.

What is your most valuable possession?

Monetarily my apartment, sentimentally, all of my friends and my cat.

What do you believe is the greatest invention of all time and why?

The GeForce RTX 5090 and its ability to be used as a firelighter. The greatest achievement of general available compute to the masses to date.



FRIDAY FUNNIES

Happy Friday! We hope the following jokes make you laugh!

What kind of shoes to frogs wear?

Open-toad sandals.

Why couldn't the produce manager make it to work?

He could drive, but he didn't avocado.

What's the hardest tea to swallow?

Reality.

What is the best present?

Broken drums! You can't beat them!

What word can you make shorter by adding two letters?

Short.

What do call a criminal landing an airplane?

Condescending.

How many apples grow on an apple tree?

All of them.

What did the computer go to the doctor?

Because he had a virus.

How much does a chimney cost.

Nothing, it's on the house.

Why did the teddy bear turn down a slice of cake.

He was stuffed.

Why don't fish play basketball?

Because they're scared of the net.

Why don't football players wear glasses?

It's a contact sport.

Why couldn't the baby score in basketball?

The baby was always dribbling.

How does the moon cut his hair?

Eclipse it.



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