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# LATEST NEWS

## USA CONGESTION UPDATE

The situation in the USA remains dire with severe congestion throughout ports, rail terminals, and transport networks. The Tomax USA team have been working closely with transport companies all over the USA in order to arrange import deliveries and export loadings in a timely manner, but the challenges are immense. Transport capacity nationwide is still extremely tight. With the Suez Canal incident from last week, it is expected that the situation will become worse over the next few months, especially from the east coast USA ports. Transport companies are asking for as much notice as possible in order to be able to arrange trailers and equipment to be available when needed.

In the east coast ports of Boston and Baltimore capacity is currently okay, and short notice transport arrangements are able to be arranged. However the port of New York is suffering mass congestion and the lead time requirement for transport arrangements is at record highs. Currently transporters are asking for at least 2 weeks' notice in order to be able to arrange delivery of import cargo, and incredibly they require 3-4 weeks' notice in order to arrange export container delivery and LCL transport. The ports of Savannah, Jacksonville, Charleston and Norfolk are also

getting tighter with transporters needing around 10 days minimum notice in order to arrange transport.

For the west coast port of Long Beach/Los Angeles there is still mass congestion, but it is starting to show signs of improving. Having said that, transport companies still require at least 10 days' notice for arranging import deliveries, and 2-3 weeks' notice for export consignments to be booked in. At inland rail terminals all over the USA the situation for export movements is at critical levels, with equipment and chassis availability being heavily stretched and rail services heavily congested.

The Tomax USA team has liaised with all suppliers wherever possible to advise regarding these delays and the need for advance notice for cargo arrangements to be made smoothly. For any orders being placed with suppliers ex: USA please keep these delays in mind and ask your suppliers to make their export bookings 3 weeks in advance.

# LONGEST CONTAINERSHIP EVER ARRIVES IN PORT BOTANY

This week, NSW Ports greeted the longest containership to ever visit Port Botany at DP World Australia's terminal. Soroe Maersk stretches an impressive length of 346.9 metres long and 42.9 metres wide – the size of 3 and a half football fields! The ship beats the previous record by 9 metres long.

The vessel was set out as an empty sweeper to evacuate the empty Maersk containers from Australia to Asia. Upon reaching Port Botany, the vessel loaded 3756 empty containers, equating to roughly 40% of its total capacity of 9578 TEU. The vessel travelled from Thailand to Australia and departed Port Botany at 7:30pm on the 29th of March.

Now embarking to Melbourne, where it will continue to evacuate more empty containers, the vessel will then head to Vietnam, Hong Kong and mainland China. The empty sweeper is welcomed with open arms, as it will assist in alleviating the empty container build-up which has contributed to the havoc seen in Empty Container Parks in Sydney.

Source: Ackerman, I. (2021). Botany breaks record with longest containership. Retrieved from [https://www.thedcn.com.au/2021/04/01/botany-breaks-record-with-longest-containership-visit/?utm\\_source=DCN+Daily+Newswire&utm\\_campaign=f82391a3d7-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_12\\_18\\_2020\\_COPY\\_01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_505d67c448-f82391a3d7-143548541](https://www.thedcn.com.au/2021/04/01/botany-breaks-record-with-longest-containership-visit/?utm_source=DCN+Daily+Newswire&utm_campaign=f82391a3d7-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_12_18_2020_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_505d67c448-f82391a3d7-143548541) on 7th April, 2021.



# ADF TRANSPORTS SUPPLIES TO LORD HOWE ISLAND

After the floods wiped out export infrastructure at Port Macquarie, The Australian Defence Force has jumped in to assist with transporting critical supplies to Lord Howe Island.

Lord Howe Island is reliant on fortnightly voyages by the Birdon-operated general cargo vessel Island Trader. However, after wharf infrastructure was inundated and severely damaged by the floods that swept New South Wales in March, the voyage scheduled to depart Port Macquarie on the 25th March was cancelled.

David Littleproud, Federal minister for emergency management, said the New South Wales government had requested support to transport dry, cold and frozen food and LPG gas to the island before the Easter long weekend.

Mr. Littleproud said, “I received the request from the New South Wales government and immediately asked for the Defence Force, via Minister Dutton, to start making the arrangements. There will be around 1000 people on the island over the Easter long weekend including residents, staff and visitors, so this mission will ensure that business can continue as usual over this important time. This will be a great boost for the people of Lord Howe Island ahead of a very busy holiday period. I thank the ADF for the important contribution they have already made to helping New South Wales throughout this flood event, from the life-saving search and rescue helicopters to the boots on the ground clearing debris and wreckage.”

A Department of Defence spokesperson said the department would deliver up to 72 LPG bottles and essential food supplies to assist the Lord Howe Island community after the flooding impacted the regular freight deliveries from Port Macquarie. The spokesperson said, “the supplies will be delivered by RAAF C-130J Hercules flights from Port Macquarie, completing on 3 April. The recent flooding experienced throughout the coastal areas of NSW has resulted in normal supply chains being disrupted, and Defence support was requested through the Defence Assistance to the Civil Community (DACC) initiative.” Furthermore, the spokesperson highlighted that the Department of Defence provides emergency and non-emergency support to states and territories through DACC. The initiative is available when state and territory resources are inadequate or too overwhelmed.

Mark Turner, Birdon operations manager for shipping, stated that the operation had lost two each of their forklifts and coolers in the flood. He said, “the whole site was underwater. Inside our storage shed the water got up to 1130 millimetres high. An average high tide is about 1.6 metres here, but during the floods the water was at 3.5 metres.”

As of now, Mr. Turner was relieved to see the operation back up and running, after the forklifts and the coolers were replaced. The next voyage, which is to depart Port Macquarie on the 8th April and arrive at the island on the 10th April, is to proceed as planned.



# STAFF SPOTLIGHT

## MEET JOSH LAMB

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### WHAT DO YOU DO AT TOMAX?

I am a Documentation Officer.

### WHAT ARE YOUR FAVOURITE HOBBIES?

I enjoy playing basketball, footy and hanging out with family and mates.

### HOW DID YOU SPEND YOUR EASTER BREAK?

During Easter, I kicked back, relaxed and watched the footy.

### WHAT'S NEXT ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

Travel to the states (when it's allowed) and watch all the major sports.

### FIRST PURCHASE IF YOU WON A MILLION DOLLARS?

Take my mother on a holiday as she hasn't been on one in 20 years.

### YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT SO FAR?

Moving out of home, which is still very fresh- I only moved out 3 weeks ago!

### ARE YOU A COLLECTOR OF ANYTHING?

I collect Pop Vinyl figurines and basketball cards.

# FRIDAY FUNNIES

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We hope these jokes will lift your mood as we approach the weekend!

Cosmetic surgery used to be such a taboo subject.

Now you can talk about Botox and nobody raises an eyebrow.

What's the difference between a good joke and a bad joke timing.

I never wanted to believe that my Dad was stealing from his job as a road worker.

But when I got home, all the signs were there.

The world tongue-twister champion just got arrested.

I hear they're gonna give him a really tough sentence.

A man got hit in the head with a can of Coke.

Thank goodness it was a soft drink.

Why do you smear peanut butter on the road?

To go with the traffic jam.

What's white and can't climb trees?

A fridge.



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