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TARIFF CONCESSIONS GAZETTE (TC)

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HAVOC AT GERMAN PORTS FOLLOWING STRIKES

New industrial action is under way at German ports, as the RMT union leads rail workers in their second day of walkouts. Negotiations in Bremen between German trade union ver.di and the Central Association of German Seaport Companies (ZDS) broke down yesterday. Beginning at 6am, the strikes are affecting the ports of Bremerhaven, Hamburg and Wilhelmshaven – road, rail and sea cargo.

According to Maya Schwiegershausen-Güth, ver.di head of maritime, ZDS appeared to rescind a more generous pay offer made in previous rounds of talks. “This strike could have been avoided with an improved offer from the employers,” Ms Schwiegershausen-Güth explained, “we want a better offer from the employers that reflects the outstanding performance of the dockers during the pandemic period and compensates for the burden of the current rate of price increases.” Maersk said it would ‘absorb’ the stoppage at its German terminals, advising customers, “in the interest of minimising any further disruption to your supply chain, we will be keeping a close eye on developments up to and during the next round of meetings between trade union ver.di and ZDS, acknowledging that further strike action is possible.”

On Tuesday, ZDS claimed ver.di had refused to compromise on its position and called for further mediation. “We have offered up to 11%, effective immediately, including a permanent wage increase of up to 7.2%. On the basis of the components demanded by ver.di, this goes beyond genuine real wage security, which is then supplemented by the federal government’s relief packages,” said Ulrike Riedel, chief ZDS negotiator, “this puts us well above comparable current wage agreements.”

The strikes come at a critical time for the European ports sector, as shipment overhang

from the lockdowns in China is predicted to lead to a surge of imports into Europe in the coming weeks.

At last week’s TOC conference in Rotterdam, Lamia Kerdjoudj-Belkaid, secretary general of the Federation of Europe Private Port Operators, told delegates her members did not expect the congestion to ease until next year. She advised, “ports’ worry is that the return to normal will coincide with the third-quarter peak season and before the current problems of port congestion and the lack of drivers are solved. An avalanche of vessels is coming to Europe, but the yards are already fully utilised. We do not see the congestion being cleared until 2023 because they are so worried about absorbing the bulk of vessels coming from Shanghai.”

Nicolette van der Jagt, director general of Clecat, believes there are “no real signs of improvement in the coming weeks. “This leads to port congestion and vessels being redirected to other ports to load and unload cargo and ultimately hinders the proper movement of goods. The lockdowns in China worsened this situation, but I also hear from freight forwarders that the problems are equally bad for export containers. They are delivered to the terminals subject to initial closing dates, but vessels are delayed or even blanked – but the containers are already in the terminal, waiting to be shipped by delayed or blanked vessels, adding to D&D costs. Despite structural congestion, free-time periods are not extended and the additional costs are being passed on through the parties in the chain who have no responsibility or can control this situation,” she said.

WELCOMING THE FIRST ELECTRIC TUGBOAT

The world's first full-size ship handling electric tugboat was welcomed into the Port of Auckland, as part of its aim to be free of emissions by 2040. The new e'tug, "Sparky", is expected to allow Ports of Auckland to save roughly 465 tonnes of carbon dioxide in diesel emissions every year.

Roger Grey, Ports of Auckland C.E.O., said the arrival of Sparky was an exciting day exclaiming, "her arrival marks a big step towards the ports' decarbonisation of operations and towards our long-term emissions reduction goals."

Operating an e-tug costs less than a third of the cost of running a diesel tug. With the vessel being battery-operated, the tug has a charge time of about 2 hours and can potentially run up to 4 shipping moves with one charge alone.

Led by Allan D'Souza, general manager marine and multi cargo at Ports of Auckland, delivering the vessel in the e-tug project was a lengthy 6 year journey. He said, "back in 2016 when we first pitched the idea for

a fully eclectic tug, we were told we were dreaming. To finally welcome her to (the city of) Tāmaki Makaurau is now incredible. You'll be able to spot Sparky on the water as her superstructure is painted bright green, unlike our diesel tugs. What you won't notice is noise or smoke; being electric she's a lot quieter and cleaner than our current diesel tugs."

The e-tug will currently undergo six weeks of testing in Auckland before being fully commissioned and operational.

Williams, A. (2022). WORLD'S FIRST FULL-SIZE ELECTRIC TUGBOAT ARRIVES IN AUCKLAND. Retrieved from <https://www.thedcn.com.au/news/environment/worlds-first-full-size-electric-tugboat-arrives-in-auckland/> on 22nd June, 2022.



INCREASE IN CONTAINERS LOST AT SEA

Alarmingly, The World Shipping Council has highlighted a “worrying” break in the downward trend for containers lost at sea, up 18% since the beginning of the container safety survey, reaching an average of 1,629.

According to the WSC’s Containers Lost at Sea Report for 2020-21, international liner carriers’ onshore staff and crews managed 6300 ships in 2021 and successfully delivered \$7 trillion worth of vital supplies around the world in roughly 241 million containers.

Despite the containers lost overboard representing less than 0.001% of all containers, from a liner shipping industry perspective, “every container overboard is one too many”. Lost cargo can occur as a result of factors ranging from severe weather and rough seas to catastrophic and rare events such as groundings, structural failures and collisions.

During the two-year 2020-2021 period, the average losses were reportedly 3113 compared to 779 in the previous period. In response to the concerns and enhance container safety, maritime actors across the supply chain have initiated the MARIN Top Tier project. The project will be run over three years and will utilise scientific analyses, studies and data collection to outline actionable recommendations to reduce the risk of containers lost overboard. Initial results from

the study shed light on the occurrence of parametric rolling at sea – a phenomenon which is not well known but can develop unexpectedly and with severe consequences.

John Butler, WSC president and C.E.O. said, “container vessels are designed to transport containers safely and carriers operate with tight safety procedures, but when we see numbers going the wrong way, we need to make every effort to find out why and further increase safety. The liner shipping industry’s goal remains to keep the loss of containers as close to zero as possible. We will continue to explore and implement measures to make that happen and welcome continued cooperation from governments and other stakeholders to accomplish this goal.”

In addition to the MARIN Top Tier project, WSC and member companies have revised the International Maritime Organisation’s guidelines for inspection programs for cargo transport units. WSC supports creating a mandatory reporting framework for all containers lost at sea, an issue which is on the IMO’s agenda for September. Furthermore, they identified the importance of releasing correct data to enhance container safety and will therefore increase the frequency of the report’s publication. The survey will now be conducted annually, as opposed to the 3 year update prior.



Williams, A. (2022). WORLD SHIPPING COUNCIL REPORTS 18% INCREASE IN CONTAINERS LOST AT SEA. Retrieved from <https://www.thedcn.com.au/news/containers-and-container-shipment/world-shipping-council-reports-18-increase-in-containers-lost-at-sea/> on 24th June, 2022.

PATRICK'S WILPOWER PROGRAM SUPPORTS WOMEN ENTERING THE INDUSTRY

Patrick Terminals has announced the third intake of its WILpower program, a leadership program designed for women in the logistics and maritime industry. The WILpower program was launched to address the lack of gender diversity within the stevedoring industry, aiming to represent the shortage of female applicants and women with strong industry experience. The two-year management program is structured around on-the-job learning and rotations through different areas of Patrick's business.

Matt Hollamby, Patrick Terminals Brisbane Terminal Manager, said the company is a strong advocate for gender diversity stating, "we are proud to be announcing our third iteration of our WILpower program with even more roles and the addition of an engineering focused WILPower program. Our WILPower program has been a highly successful program for our organisation with an increase in females in operational leadership roles since the introduction of the program. As the Patrick Terminals business continues to invest in new technology and automation, the introduction of an engineering stream into our WILpower program is also extremely important."

Liz Pinkerton, Patrick Terminals national health, safety and environment manager, who participated in the first intake of the

program, said the program helped drive the advancement of her career. Ms Pinkerton said, "WILPower was a great program for me to quickly learn the varied aspects of the Patrick Terminals business and progress through the organisation. I would encourage anyone looking for a dynamic fast-paced industry where you are actually making a difference to the Australian economy then this is a great opportunity."

Opportunities are available nationally across terminals in Sydney, Brisbane, Fremantle and Melbourne and will provide the chance for women to join the company across four engineering and four operational roles. The program includes a full-time competitive salary, job rotations across a broad spectrum of roles, individualised mentoring and ongoing support with the application deadline on July 17th 2022.

Williams, A. (2022). PATRICK'S WILPOWER PROGRAM A PATHWAY FOR WOMEN ENTERING STEVEDORING. Retrieved from <https://www.thedcn.com.au/news/containers-and-container-shipping/patricks-wilpower-program-creates-a-pathway-for-women-entering-stevedoring/> on 24th June, 2022.



COCAINE FOUND HIDDEN IN JUKEBOX IMPORTED TO MELBOURNE

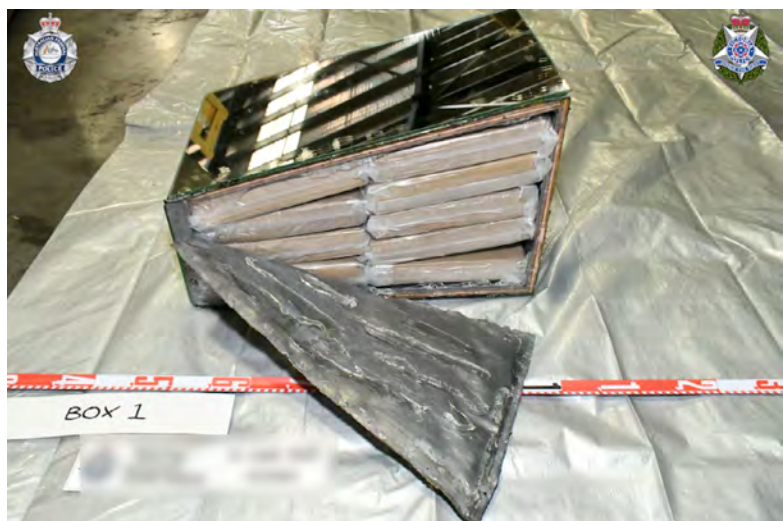
Three men have been arrested in Melbourne following the discovery of 45 kilograms of cocaine hidden in a jukebox imported from Greece. According to Victorian Police, the drugs were worth an estimated \$20 million and were uncovered by Australian Border Force officers at the start of June.

The consignment was delivered to Sunshine North, where police arrested the three men, who were deemed as “significant syndicate members” on Wednesday, including two local men and a Greek national. The two local men are facing importation charges and the Greek national has been released pending further enquiries.

Residential properties in Spotswood and Reservoir were raided by Police as well as commercial properties in Toorak and Kingsville where luxury vehicles, watches, jewellery, drugs and cash were seized.

Andrew Stamper, Acting Detective Superintendent, advised the arrests followed a four-month investigation into drug importation by a Melbourne-based syndicate. He said, “we will continue to work with our law enforcement partners to ensure those who bring that harm to our state are held to account, and that these criminal syndicates are strongly and deliberately targeted. Our aim is to ensure we disrupt the organised crime syndicates responsible for these imports, so to charge two people as well as effecting these seizures is extremely satisfying.”

ABC News. (2022). Millions of dollars in cocaine found hidden in jukebox imported to Melbourne from Greece. Retrieved from https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-06-24/drugs-found-hidden-in-jukebox-melbourne/101179458?utm_campaign=abc_news_web&utm_content=link&utm_medium=content_shared&utm_source=abc_news_web on 24th June, 2022.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

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What is your role at Tomax?

Operations Coordinator

What are your hobbies/interests?

I enjoy shopping, making candles, travelling, reading, my fantasy football league and spending time with my family.

If you could time travel to the past or future, which decade/year would you go to?

I would travel to the future, probably to a time I wouldn't be able to see such as the year 2150.

Where would you spend all your time if you could?

I love seeing new places, so I would want to spend my time traveling in different places.

Your go-to karaoke song?

I am a terrible singer so I refuse to sing Karaoke!!

Next thing on your bucket list?

A trip to Japan.

Are you an early bird or a night owl?

Early bird.

FRIDAY FUNNIES

Happy Friday! We hope these jokes put a smile on your face!

I know a bunch of good jokes about umbrellas, but they usually go over people's heads.

Barbers...you have to take your hat off to them.

The bank keeps calling me to give me compliments.

They say I have an "outstanding balance."

What's a vampire's favorite ship?
A blood vessel.

There's only one thing I can't deal with, and that's a deck of cards glued together.

Why do dogs float in water?
Because they are good buoys.

What happens when it rains cats and dogs?
You have to be careful not to step in a poodle.

I'm an expert at picking leaves and heating them in water.
It's my special tea.

I recently went to the "World's Tiniest Wind Turbine" exhibit.
Honestly, not a big fan.

I'm reading a novel where the main character has strained the muscles around his spine.
That's his back story.

I was out on a walk when I saw a sign that said, "Man wanted for robbery."
So I went in and applied for the job.



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