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# TARIFF CONCESSIONS GAZETTE (TC)

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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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# LATEST NEWS

## FENTANYL SHIPMENT SEIZED FROM MELBOURNE CARGO

**T**he largest shipment of the deadly opioid fentanyl was detected in Australia by the Australian Federal Police in conjunction with the Australian Border Force. According to the Australian Police, the seizure prevented over 5 million doses of the drug from hitting the streets. 30 kilograms of methamphetamine and more than 11 kilograms of pure powdered fentanyl were concealed inside an industrial wooden lathe which was sent from Canada and arrived at the Port of Melbourne in December 2021.

A joint operation consisting of the AFP, ABF and Department of Home Affairs was established to track down those responsible for importing the fentanyl, due to the criminality's specifically high risk to the Australian community.

After ABF officers inspected the container in Melbourne on 3rd February this year, the investigation into the importation commenced. Hidden inside military-style ammunition boxes within a three-tonne

lathe, the officers discovered close to 60 kilograms of powdered substances. A two week operation was initiated by AFP forensic officers to safely remove and analyse the powder, which involved multiple state and Commonwealth agencies such as Ambulance Victoria, being on standby throughout the extraction and deconstruction phase of the operation. Dressed in protective biohazard suits, the forensic officers were tasked with a delicate and complex operation, where any inadvertent skin contact with the drug could result in harm, loss of consciousness and death.

Roughly 27 kilograms of the powder contained fentanyl, yielding 11.2 kilograms of pure fentanyl which equates to about 5.5 million potential lethal doses of 30 milligrams each. Additionally, forensic officers discovered nearly 30 kilograms of methamphetamine, with an estimated street value of \$27 million.

Fentanyl sold illegally in Australia often occurs in the form of patches used for

medical treatment, which have been stolen from legitimate medical supplies. The AFP is seeking information from anyone with knowledge regarding the attempted importation and warns the public about the dangers of the drug, which can be deadly from a dose of just 2 milligrams.

Fentanyl is a fast-acting opioid that is highly addictive and acts on the same receptors in the body as heroin. In Australia, the drug is primarily used for medical purposes however, in overseas illicit drug markets, it has been cut with heroin, often with fatal consequences. Australian authorities have only ever detected illicit fentanyl importations in minor amounts, all less than 30 grams, with the first case found in 2017.

Anthony Hall, AFP Acting Commander, believes it is well known that criminal syndicates globally are responsible for lacing illicit drugs, such as heroin, with this synthetic opioid and in turn formulating a dangerous concoction of substances. He said, “drug extraction can always pose a risk but the lethality of fentanyl, even in small doses, required our forensic officers to wear biohazard suits and we had multiple ambulances on standby. Even in this highly

controlled environment, there was a risk to our members’ safety. Our concern is that if such a large amount of fentanyl was in the hands of Australian-based criminal networks driven by greed, it could have passed uncontrolled and hidden into the community with possibly deadly results.”

James Watson, ABF Commander Maritime and Enforcement South, praised the ABF officers who made the discovery, exclaiming, “this was a massive amount of fentanyl. The excellent work of our officers prevented these deadly drugs from reaching our streets, which has undoubtedly saved many, many lives. Fentanyl is an extremely toxic substance to handle as well as being a lethal drug to use. There is a fentanyl epidemic in many parts of the world today, resulting in thousands of deaths of users every year. Our officers work tirelessly to prevent this harm from reaching our streets, as it is literally a life and death battle with these drugs.”

Ackerman, I. (2022). POLICE SEIZE DANGEROUS ILLICIT DRUGS FROM MELBOURNE SEA CARGO CONTAINER. Retrieved from <https://www.thedcn.com.au/news/law-regulation-trade/police-seize-dangerous-illicit-drugs-from-melbourne-sea-cargo-container/> on 24th August, 2022.





# PORT OF MELBOURNE CONTAINER LEVELS RISE AGAIN

**A**head of the traditional peak season, Port of Melbourne has reported strong container volumes in July.

The total container throughput reached 285,561 TEU last month, up 3.7% on figures recorded in July 2021.

“Full overseas imports were up 3.9% on July 2021 with strong trade flowing through post Shanghai lockdowns, whilst full container exports were down 5.7% on July 2021,” Port of Melbourne said in a trade update.

Miscellaneous manufactures, timber, barley, non-alcoholic beverages and fresh fruit were below last year’s levels. Full overseas container imports increased by 5% since July last year, however full overseas container exports fell by 5% in that same timeframe. Total empty container movements in July had increased by 16% since the same month last year. The most notable trade volume increase was break bulk, which was up 48% last month on figures reported 12 months earlier.

“The global supply chain continues to be challenged, and despite some evidence of consumer spending slowing due to

inflationary pressures, there remains ongoing congestion at major hubs and inland networks,” the update revealed, “overflow of volume has been seen to neighbouring ports due to industrial action across parts of the US, UK and Germany, in addition to weather issues, ongoing issues related to the Ukraine conflict, and the fact that ports are continuing to work through large volumes of backlog cargo.”

Port of Melbourne believes trade volumes to Australia will remain strong, however congestion will still remain in the Oceania region due to severe weather and vessel bunching. They added, “locally the supply chain remains resilient and we continue to monitor the situation ahead of peak season.”

Meanwhile, container trade for early August is reportedly tracking above the comparative month in 2021.

Williams, A. (2022). CONTAINER TRADE VOLUMES UP AT PORT OF MELBOURNE. Retrieved from <https://www.thedcn.com.au/news/logistics-and-supply-chain/container-trade-volumes-up-at-port-of-melbourne/> on 25th August, 2022.

# BIOSECURITY ALERTS & CHANGES THIS WEEK

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Please note the Biosecurity updates for this week:

## **NEW BICON CASE FOR BIOLOGICAL CLEANING AGENTS, ODOUR NEUTRALISERS AND SANITISATION PRODUCTS**

Effective from 24 August 2022

On 11th August 2022, a new BICON case related to biological cleaning agents, odour neutralisers and sanitisation products will be made as part of the department's ongoing commitment to quality review. These goods were previously assessed according to the conditions of the 'Bioremediation products' BICON case.

### **THIS CHANGE WILL DELIVER:**

1. A new pathway in BICON for 'Biological cleaning agents, odour neutralisers and sanitisation products'
2. New standard permit conditions developed for commercially prepared and packaged, retail-ready biological cleaning agents, odour neutralisers and sanitisation products in individual units no greater than 10kg or 10L.

The new standard permit conditions relate to goods that only contain microbial cultures and ingredients of biological origin listed on the department's list of approved microbes for cleaning agents, odour neutralisers and sanitisation products and list of approved ingredients for cleaning agents, odour neutralisers and sanitisation products.

Importers are now able to apply for a standard import permit for these goods. Standard permits are for goods that are manufactured in accordance with prescribed conditions which manage biosecurity risks to a very low level. For more information refer to the department's website: standard permits for biological products. If the conditions in the standard permit cannot be met, importers must apply for a non-standard permit.

### **WHO DOES THIS ALERT AFFECT:**

Departmental staff and Australian importers of biological cleaning agents, odour neutralisers and sanitisation products.

### **FURTHER INFORMATION:**

Please contact the department on 1800 900 090 (prompt 1, prompt 1) or via email at [imports@agriculture.gov.au](mailto:imports@agriculture.gov.au).



**THIS CHANGE APPLIES TO THE FOLLOWING CASES:**

- Herbicides, insecticides, pesticides and other goods for environmental or industrial purposes
- Bioremediation products
- Biological cleaning agents, odour neutralisers and sanitisation products

**NEW PATHWAY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL/ INDUSTRIAL GOODS CONTAINING APPROVED INGREDIENTS OF BIOLOGICAL ORIGIN**

Effective from 24 August 2022

The department has updated the content of the ‘Herbicides, insecticides, pesticides and other goods for environmental or industrial purposes’ BICON case to include a pathway for ‘Goods containing approved ingredients of biological origin only’. Importers are now able to apply for an import permit for these goods using a standard import permit pathway. The standard pathway includes conditions requiring manufacturers to verify that:

- the final product contains no ingredients of animal/plant origin or the only ingredients of animal/plant origin contained in the final product are listed in the list of approved ingredients for goods with an environmental end use.
- the product contains no whole seeds or viable plant material.
- no viable microorganisms are present as an ingredient in the final product.
- the final product contains no ingredients that are minerals or metal ores (including rocks and sand) or the minerals/metal ores that are present in the final product are clean and free of extraneous materials.

- the product exported to Australia has been packaged in new and clean containers or bags only; or [If the product is exported to Australia in re-used containers e.g. ISO tanks, pallets, IBC’s] The product exported to Australia is transported in re-used containers and a container cleanliness certificate is provided for this consignment.

- the product has been protected from post-processing contamination.
- the manufacturer operates according to appropriate standards of quality management [e.g. ISO 9001:2015, Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP)] applicable to the production of goods for environmental/industrial use, including appropriate standards for prevention of cross-contamination, maintenance of batch production records, and quality control

These conditions mitigate biosecurity risks associated with these goods to a level consistent with Australia’s Appropriate Level of Protection (as defined under the Biosecurity Act 2015). Importers are still able to submit their permit application for these goods using a non-standard permit pathway.

**WHO DOES THIS ALERT AFFECT:**

Departmental staff and Australian importers of herbicides, insecticides, pesticides and other goods for environmental or industrial purposes.

**FURTHER INFORMATION:**

Please contact the department on 1800 900 090 (prompt 1, prompt 1) or via email at [imports@agriculture.gov.au](mailto:imports@agriculture.gov.au).

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# STAFF SPOTLIGHT



## MEET NICA JIA IMPORT CUSTOMER SERVICE TOMAX LOGISTICS AUSTRALIA



### WHAT IS YOUR ROLE AT TOMAX?

I am working in an Import Customer Service role at Tomax.

### WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES/INTERESTS?

Cooking, shopping and cross stitching.

### DESCRIBE YOUR DREAM HOLIDAY?

My dream holiday is going to a tropical place with my family and purely relaxing!

### WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY?

Sleeping well and seeing my beloved family and friends are safe and in good health.

### ARE THERE ANY GOALS YOU WOULD LIKE TO ACHIEVE?

My current goals I'd like to achieve are mastering the systems and improving the skills required to do my job well.

**FINISH THE SENTENCE:  
THE BEST THING ABOUT LIVING IN  
MELBOURNE IS...**the weather and the environment.

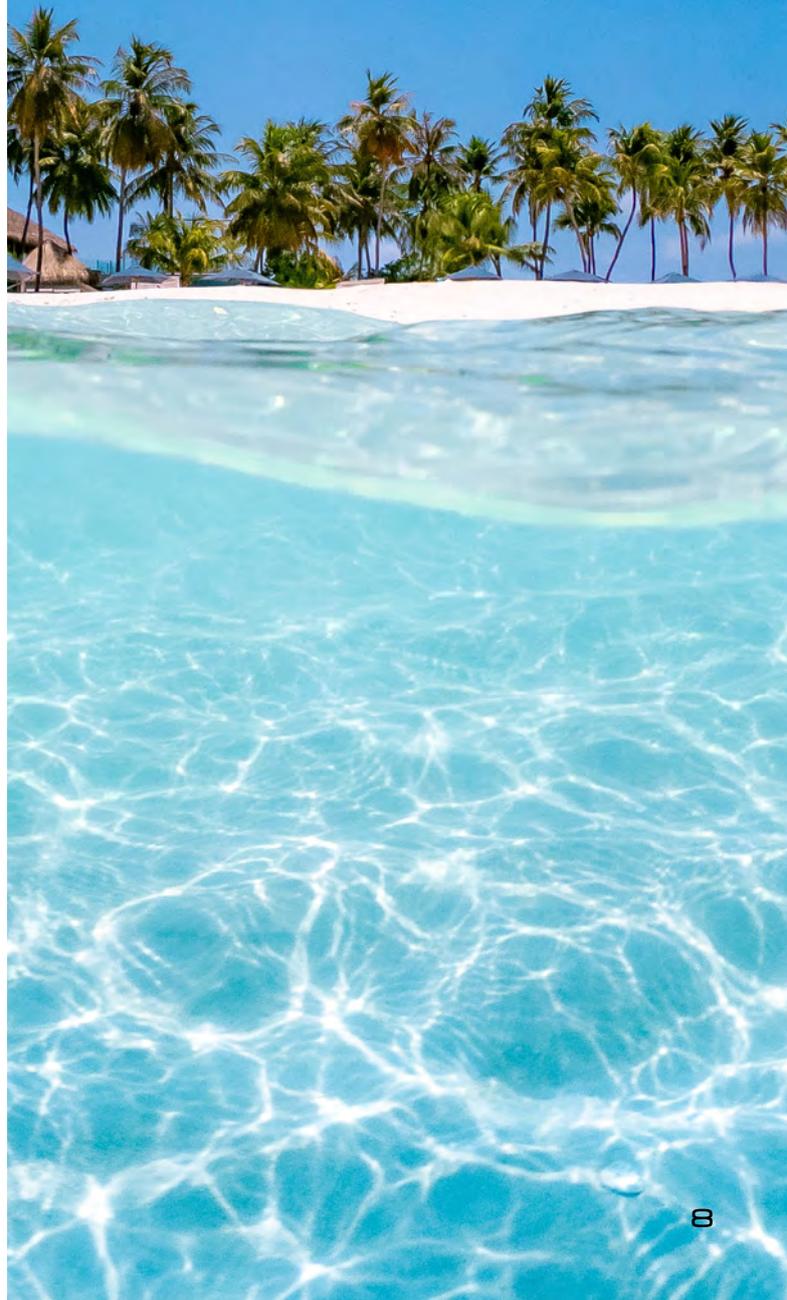
**IF YOU CAN ONLY EAT ONE THING FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE, WHAT WOULD IT BE?**

Any sorts of noodles with a little spice in it.

**FAVOURITE SINGER/MUSICIAN/SONG?**

Singer: Li Jian

Song: "Wind that Shakes the Barley".





# NEW AIR FREIGHT CARBON OFFSET PROGRAM LAUNCHED

**A** carbon offset program for air freight, powered by a carbon emissions calculator, has been introduced by Cathay Pacific. The program, Fly Greener, follows the launch of Cathay Pacific's corporate Sustainable Aviation Fuel program earlier in the year.

By contributing to the use of sustainable aviation fuel, the corporate SAF program enables companies to reduce their carbon footprints from business travel and air cargo shipments. The new calculator utilised by Fly Greener was developed in order to calculate the carbon emissions of air shipments and the cost of offsetting them to selected carbon offset projects.

George Edmunds, Cathay Pacific general manager cargo commercial, said the tool aims to boost the sustainability of air freight businesses and the industry. He said, "in tandem with our promotion and development of sustainable aviation fuel capabilities, the calculator will give our customers the flexibility to offset their carbon emissions via a suite of accredited carbon offset projects."

The tool applies the latest International Air Transport Association methodology and will display the volume of emissions the offset charge in local currency, calculated by weight, and aircraft type.

Simon Ng, CEO of Cathay Pacific's digitalisation subsidiary Global Logistic System in Hong Kong, advised that varying

factors can lead to variance in the number of emissions generated by a booked shipment. He said, "GLSHK helped refine this system with Cathay Pacific Cargo by using a variety of data sources to calculate the emissions for a shipment including the actual flown route, aircraft type, and actual flying distance to maximise the accuracy of the offset for our customers."

Cathay Pacific said its offset scheme currently supports projects that supply fuel-efficient cooking stoves to families in Bangladesh, solar-powered cooking stoves to families in China and solar-powered hot water to households in India.

Head of cargo global partnerships at Cathay Pacific, Chris Bowden, said the group is looking forward to promoting sustainable air cargo shipments. "We know that carbon-offset calculations can be complex and need to be accurate for sustainability auditing purposes," Mr Bowden said, "we believe that the ease and simplicity of Fly Greener and the carbon emissions calculator make the rigour and complexity that goes into carbon emissions calculations straightforward and user-friendly, which is something our customers have been actively seeking."

# WORD SEARCH

See if you can find the words!

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A	O	R	D	R	A	E	H	R	Y	I	A	R	N
I	C	A	R	G	O	F	A	D	R	T	U	A	S
F	A	D	C	T	F	F	T	E	E	A	L	N	P
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G	E	G	C	F	D	T	R	R	E	U	L	P	A
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C	A	R	R	I	E	R	A	G	N	E	A	E	I
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CARGO  
CARRIER  
CLEARANCE  
CONSIGNMENT  
DELIVERY  
DEMURRAGE

DUTY  
ETA  
FUMIGATION  
HAUL  
OFFLOAD  
PORTS

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