



# MPW Supply Chain Consultancy

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## MPW SUPPLY CHAIN NEWSLETTER – March 2018

### MPW, PROUD TO BE ALMOST 100% CLOUD BASED AND PAPERLESS

As MPW Supply Chain Consultancy is a family owned and operated business run from home, we found the best, and most efficient way to work was by utilising cloud-based services.

In short, we use Cloud Storage services from Microsoft, and Google, meaning we can access our data from almost anywhere in the world on pretty much any internet connected device eliminating the need for bulky filing cabinets and pointless printing of documents. By using Cloud based storage, we also save on expensive power consuming servers, so it's really a win-win situation.

**Wow ok, so what does that mean???** Well, it gives MPW the flexibility of working anytime, anywhere, so we always have access to our quotes, tariffs, invoices, shipment information, and client information. We don't have messy paper-based filing systems and all documents are scanned and kept securely online. In 2018 there should be very few reasons why anything needs to be printed out, and more paper wasted (unless completely necessary).

We feel as a small and flexible modern freight business it was important to stay ahead of the game, and to do our part to save the environment. Feel free to ask us if you would like any pointers.

### FUN FACT ABOUT USA LCL CARGO



Did you know that all Import LCL Cargo out of the USA into Fremantle is packed/loaded out of Los Angeles regardless of the Origin?

This is because (like most LCL Cargo), it works on a supply vs demand basis, and there just isn't enough LCL being loaded out of other Origins in the USA to Fremantle to justify more consolidation points. Cargo is sent to key hubs or CFS depots to be shipped into Los Angeles via Road or Rail, and almost always via the same shipping lines.

*Does my forwarder have their own consolidation service?* Most likely not. There is only a handful of reliable NVOCC's (Non-Vessel Operating Common Carriers) who pack/arrange LCL Consolidations from the USA.

MPW Supply Chain has extensive knowledge and great relationships with the key players in the trade meaning your cargo will be looked after.

### IS YOUR CARGO INSURED?

The recent fatal fire aboard the MAERSK HONAM is a timely reminder that accidents do happen on board container vessels.

Incidents such as this highlight the need for a comprehensive Maritime Insurance Policy, as most businesses cannot withstand the complete loss of stock/product due to an accident. The time to re-order/manufacture and pay for replacement goods can have a devastating impact on a business, however many choose to roll the dice and continue importing/exporting without insurance.

MPW Supply Chain Consultancy offers Insurance on all shipments so please ask us today for a quote.

