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SUPPLY CHAIN ANALYSIS, WHAT IS IT AND HOW CAN MPW ASSIST ME?

For most businesses, freight is an essential and costly part of every day operations. Whether you're Importing, Exporting, outsourcing your storage/warehousing, or just moving product around the country, supply chain movements can make up for a large percentage of your day to day expenses.

That's why MPW Supply Chain offer a Supply Chain Analysis service where we provide a free 'Freight Health check' for your business, looking at ways you can streamline your services whilst saving money and time in the process.

Our extensive knowledge in all things supply chain mean we can make sure you're doing what's best for your business! Get in touch today to arrange your Free Freight Health Check!



FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS. HOW DO THEY WORK AND WHICH COUNTRIES HAVE THEM?

Unless you're an importer, the only thing you probably know about free trade agreements is that they make excellent political footballs, but how do they work, and which countries does Australia have agreements with?

"Free trade agreements (FTAs) are treaties between two or more countries that benefit Australian importers, exporters, producers and investors by reducing and eliminating certain barriers to international trade and investment. Australia has entered 10 FTA's with both individual countries, and groups of countries. Several other agreements are currently under negotiation.

- Australia-New Zealand (ANZCERTA or CER)
- Singapore-Australia (SAFTA)
- Australia-United States (AUSFTA)
- Thailand-Australia (TAFTA)
- Australia-Chile (ACI-FTA)
- ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand (AANZFTA)
- Malaysia-Australia (MAFTA)
- Korea-Australia (KAFTA)
- Japan-Australia (JAIPA)
- China-Australia (ChAFTA)

To understand more about FTA's, please visit the following [link](#).

FOB, CIF, DAP, WHAT DOES ALL THIS MEAN?

FOB, CIF, DAP, you might often see these terms on your commercial invoice, but what do they really mean?

Well, they're acronyms that form part of the global trade terms known as 'Incoterms'. Incoterms are key elements of international contracts of sales and tell parties what to do with respect to carriage of goods from buyer to seller. They also explain the division of costs and risks between parties, so when purchasing, or selling goods it is essential you understand their application.

MPW Supply Chain has done a useful guide which you can find [here](#).

Alternatively, Austrade provides an excellent explanation on their [website](#).

"Incoterms are International rules for the interpretation of trade terms. Incoterms make international trade easier and help traders in different countries to understand one another. These standard trade definitions that are mostly commonly used in international contracts are protected by ICC copyright.