

## MPW SUPPLY CHAIN NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2018

### PEAK SEASON IS HERE!

You may have noticed Shipping Lines have already implemented a PSS or Peak Season Surcharge on Imports ex North Asia into Australia from the 1<sup>st</sup> of July meaning Peak Season is officially here... So, what does that mean for you?

Peak season generally occurs in the second half of the year as Importers ramp up their orders for Christmas. Space on vessels can become increasingly tight, and subsequently rates begin to increase. Shipping lines regularly make the call to leave containers behind causing transit times to blow out (often by at least a week!).

So, what can you do to reduce the impact?

- Make sure you get your orders in early. Don't leave it until the last minute, otherwise your stock may not arrive on time. Make sure you keep up to date with schedules and ask us for several options in case your preferred line is fully booked.
- For shipments that are moving in Peak Season, build in additional time in case of delays.
- Get your documents in order! If your supplier insists on using Original Bills of Lading, make sure they are sent as early as possible. Alternatively organise a Telex Release, or Electronic Release. This way your cargo can come straight off the wharf without costly delays.
- Use a reliable wharf cartage company. Every year congestion at the terminal causes major headaches for Transport Companies, so make sure your forwarder uses a reliable company who has priority access to the terminal. Communication is key, so If there is anything that can be done to make delivering your container easier, let us know in advance!
- And finally, if you're going on holidays, let us know. We have several options to assist you with your deliveries including unpack, storage, or even cross docking/distributing your goods!

Get in touch today if you want to discuss ways to reduce costly delays over this period!

### MPW SUPPLY CHAIN & IGNITION GARAGE



MPW Supply Chain has recently become involved with supporting Ignition Garage, Perth's #1 Motorsport Directory.

Ignition Garage was started to promote "Our love of all things motorsport and has guided the creation of a garage platform where all community members young and old can find resources, online at their fingertips.

Check it out today! At [www.ignitiongarage.com.au](http://www.ignitiongarage.com.au)

### WATCH OUT FOR OLD MATE STINK BUG



Once again the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources has announced "Seasonal measures to combat the Brown marmorated stink bug (BMSB).

These new measures will apply for goods shipped on or between 1 September 2018 and 30 April 2019 Inclusive", and impacts Import Shipments to Australia from 10 countries. Click [HERE](#) to find out more.