

**MPW SUPPLY CHAIN NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2018**

**GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS – THINGS TO REMEMBER**

In case you haven't noticed, Christmas 2018 is getting closer. It only takes a trip to Big W or Target to see Christmas decorations galore, and with that comes all the other issues associated with Importing/Exporting around this time of year. If you're expecting Import Shipments, remember the next two months are the middle of Peak Season, so unfortunately delays are almost guaranteed. If you didn't read MPW's guide to peak season, check it out [here](#).

Just to re-cap, some important things to remember:

- Import Cargo volumes increase dramatically at this time of year. If you need to order anything make sure you allow for potential delays of 1-2 weeks.
- Peak Season costs more! Supply and demand mean carriers will increase pricing at this time of year. Make sure you budget, and check with MPW at time of booking to confirm rate levels.
- If you're business is closing and you're heading away for the holidays, let your freight forwarder know. MPW has the capability to unpack and store your product in a warehouse until you return.
- Make sure you provide contact information if your office is not occupied!



**FREMANTLE PORTS – MARITIME DAY 2018**

Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> of October 2018 is Maritime Day at Fremantle Port! Click [HERE](#) for more info!

Come and see 'big toys', boats and displays!



**COMPETENT CUSTOMS BROKERS, HOW IMPORTANT ARE THEY?**

Recent tough penalties imposed on importers for misclassification of dutiable goods only highlights the importance of nominating a competent customs broker to handle your customs clearances.

"Goods you import into Australia require classification under the Customs Tariff Act 1995", and as an Importer it is your responsibility to ensure the correct information is provided to your broker... So what information do they need?

- Provide your broker with as much technical data as possible.. Website Links, Manuals, Commercial Invoices etc.

Check out our Website for more useful information [HERE!](#)