



MPW Supply Chain Consultancy

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CONTAINERS LOST AT SEA...!!! WHY IT HAPPENS AND WHAT TO DO WHEN IT HAPPENS...

“As part of global trade, in 2016, approximately 130 million containers packed with cargo with an estimated value of more than \$4 trillion were shipped around the world.

With so many containers on the move in many different routes, there are bound to be some containers lost at sea. Even as recently as the 4th of March 2018, 76 containers were lost at sea when they fell off the container vessel Maersk Shanghai in North Carolina. One of them has around 3 tons of Sulphuric Acid. Maersk Shanghai is one of those mega ships with a capacity of 10,081 TEU's (Twenty Foot Equivalent Units) built in 2016.

So how often does this happen and how many containers are lost at sea??

Previously there was no clear indication on how many containers were lost at sea, and estimates varied greatly with speculative guessing putting the figure at around 10,000 containers lost at sea per year.

In order to ascertain the accurate number of containers lost at sea, the World Shipping Council (WSC) with support of its member companies undertook surveys in 2011, 2014, and 2017 for the preceding three years.

The survey results based on the inputs provided by the member companies of the WSC (representing about 80% of the global container vessel capacity), showed that during the nine-year period (2008-2016) surveyed, on average 568 containers were lost at sea each year with an average total of 1,582 containers lost each year including catastrophic events.

On average, 64% of containers lost at sea during the last decade were attributed to catastrophic events.”

To find out more, head to <https://shippingandfreightresource.com/containers-lost-at-sea/>

3RD PARTY WAREHOUSING. WHAT IS IT, AND IS IT RIGHT FOR MY BUSINESS?

3PL, or Third-Party Warehousing in Logistics and Supply Chain Management is “A company’s use of third-party businesses to outsource elements of the distribution, warehousing, and fulfillment services”.

MPW Supply Chain works with several large and reputable 3PL providers meaning you can focus on running your business and letting somebody else take care of storing your products. It means NO renting a warehouse, hiring staff, paying costly overheads. MPW is offering the following solutions:

- Licensed s79 Customs Bonded Storage
- FMCG (Fast Moving Consumer Goods)
- Bulk and Long-Term Storage
- Regular Pick and Pack Warehousing
- Cross Dock/Unpack and Distribution.

If you’re after more information, get in touch with us today! and we’ll be more than happy to have a look at your requirements and find the perfect fit for your business.

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GENERAL AVERAGE – WHAT EXACTLY DOES IT MEAN??

With so many containers moving around the world, have you ever wondered what happens if a container ship gets in trouble?

For example, what if there is a Fire on board, the vessel runs aground, breaks down, or is caught in a storm? Providing the vessel is not lost, and cargo is able to be recovered, the ship owner will declare a General Average.

“There is a General Average Act when and only when, any extraordinary sacrifice or expenditure is intentionally and reasonably made or incurred for the common safety or the purpose of preserving from peril the property involved in a common maritime adventure.”

So how does that Impact an Importer?

All parties involved in the venture, including all cargo owners, are responsible for making a proportional contribution to cover the costs incurred during the General Average Event, including the loss of cargo sacrificed during the event.

Read more [here](#).

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