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MPW SUPPLY CHAIN – INDUSTRY UPDATE – 27TH MARCH 2024

AUSTRALIAN NEWS

VIC GOVT BACKS DRIVER TRAINING FOR FREIGHT INDUSTRY

The Victorian Government has partnered with the Victorian Transport Association to fund training for more heavy-vehicle drivers.

The extra \$1 million from the government would support VTA's heavy-vehicle driver delivery program.

The program addresses heavy-vehicle driver shortages and aims to attract and retain [younger](#) drivers for critical supply transport and logistics supply chains. [TheDCN](#)

COW CASUALTIES ON EXPORT VOYAGE

More than 100 cows have died on the Vroon livestock carrier Brahman Express on a voyage from Darwin to Jakarta.

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry confirmed it had been notified by a commercial exporter "of an incident involving cattle deaths on a live export vessel exporting to Indonesia". The 22-year old ship sailed on 15 March and arrived at Panjang on 20 March and then Belawan two days later. [TheDCN](#)

REVISED EU CUSTOMS REQUIREMENTS LOOMING

Australian companies exporting to the European Union face added data requirements from June, as part of the upcoming third release of the EU's Import Control System 2 (ICS2).

In a notice to customers CMA CGM reminds shippers that all cargo, whether for deep sea or short sea, that is discharging, transhipping in the EU, Northern Ireland, Norway and for the cargo remaining on board, must adhere to the Entry Summary Declaration (ENS) requirement. [TheDCN](#)

OCEANFREIGHT

RIPPLES FROM BRIDGE COLLAPSE WILL GIVE IMPORTERS A HEADACHE

From a container supply chain perspective, the effect from this morning's incident will probably not be as dramatic as Baltimore's bridge collapse itself – although it does leave carriers and east coast importers with potential headaches.

Baltimore handles around 1.1m teu a year which is equivalent to 21,000 teu a week that will need to find alternative gateways. And while it may not be the largest in terms of container numbers, the port does have the deepest draught on the US east coast, at 15.2 metres, and some services deploy vessel sizes that can only be accommodated by a handful of other ports in the region – namely, New York, Norfolk and Savannah – [TheLoadstar.com](#)

NEW ENTRANT SET FOR CHINA TRADE

A Surprise new player is poised to enter the China-Australia trade, just as it returns to stability after years of COVID chaos and waterfront disruption.

According to overseas sources Dubai-based Emirates Shipping Line will join through an unspecified arrangement with Taiwan's TS Lines, with which it has a long-standing relationship. [TheDCN](#)

DIVERSIONS FROM RED SEA PROVING A REAL 'SILVER LINING' FOR CARRIERS

The current equilibrium between supply and demand in container shipping depends on the duration of the Red Sea attacks, and the effect on available capacity, as ships take longer routes via the Cape of Good Hope.

Attacks on commercial shipping by Houthi rebels in the Red Sea have kept elderly tonnage, that would otherwise have been sold for scrap. [TheLoadstar](#)

GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN NEWS

'MASS-CASUALTY INCIDENT' AS MAERSK BOX SHIP DESTROYS BALTIMORE BRIDGE

A Maersk-operated 2M Alliance container vessel with two pilots onboard crashed into a support pylon of the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore, Maryland, in the early hours of this morning, demolishing the 1.6 mile bridge and plunging at least 20 people into the Patapsco River.

Authorities described the collision as a "mass-casualty incident" and said emergency services were still searching the river for seven people.

You can see the bridge collapsing here on [YouTube](#). [TheLoadstar](#)

INDIAN CUSTOMS TO AUCTION UNCLEARED EXPORT BOXES AT NHAVA SHEVA

India Customs will auction abandoned or long-dwelling consignments at Nhava Sheva in a bid to dispose of export goods left uncleared by cargo interests.

Abandoned export/import containers have the potential to create congestion at docks as volumes build, hindering the pace of cargo flows.

The clearance sales will be held in co-ordination with the custodian of the cargo: typically, a customs-bonded warehouse or container freight station. [TheLoadstar.com](#)

AIRFREIGHT

SAFETY ISSUES TRIGGER BOING LEADER CHANGE AND THREATEN UNITED EXPANSION

The turmoil over aviation safety has claimed the heads of Boings chiefs and threatens to block the expansion plans of United Airlines, which is facing increased regulatory scrutiny.

After weeks of intense regulatory, as well as public, scrutiny, Boeing's beleaguered CEO and president, Dave Calhoun, is on his way out. The plane-maker announced yesterday he would be retiring at the end of the year. [TheLoadstar.com](#)

AIR CARGO DEMAND STILL GROWING AFTER LNY BUT RATE OF IMPROVEMENT SLOWS

There had been much speculation in air cargo about whether the strong demand growth reported over the first two months of the year would continue past the Lunar New Year holiday but it appears the buoyant market conditions are so far continuing, although at a slightly lower level.

Figures released last week by data provider WorldACD appear to show that demand is continuing to improve in March, albeit at a lower level as the urgency to move cargo ahead of the Lunar holiday has eased. [Aircargonews.net](#)

AIR-FREIGHT VAPE HAUL SEIZED IN SYDNEY

Authorities are investigating the origin and intended recipient of an air freight consignment found to contain 18,000 vapes.

Australian Border force officers intercepted the shipment on the 15th of March in a consignment declared as small clothing items containing 2.7 tonnes of disposable vaping products with a street value of around AUD 540,000. [TheDCN](#)