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AUSTRALIAN NEWS

CONTAINER TRUCKS TO WEIGH IN AT FREMANTLE

IAI Trucks carrying full import containers from DP World's Fremantle terminal must now use a weigh-in-motion system.

The WIM measures axle group weights calibrated to the general vehicle mass (GVM) limits in Western Australia.

Director of Container Transport Alliance Australia, Neil Chambers said the new rules would be active from 29 July. [The DCN](#)

MAN JAILED FOR ROLE IN METH IMPORT PLAN

A Freight forwarding worker from Sydney has been sentenced to six years and six months imprisonment for his role in a plan to import 100kg of methamphetamine from Canada.

The 41-year old man was charged in March 2022 following a joint AFP and ABF investigation into a transnational drug trafficking syndicate, which attempted to smuggle the drugs into Australia.

[The DCN](#)

ANL LAUNCHES INITIATIVE SUPPORTING KOALA HABITATS

ANL has announced the launch of Rebuilding Koala Habitats – a new sustainability initiative aligning with National Tree Day.

The initiative will see ANL collaborate with Australian not-for-profit Koala Clancy Foundation, an organisation focused on supporting some of Victoria's wild koala population through enhancing the natural environment. [The DCN](#)

EES WARNS OF MORE DELAYS IN SINGAPORE

With demand for container shipping hitting a record high in May, EES Shipping is warning that delays in Singapore won't improve in August and September with "things to get worse before they get better". [The DCN](#)

SUPPLY CHAIN NEWS

FRENCH LOGISTICS SECTOR ON TENDERHOOKS OVER PARIS OLYMPICS OPENING CEREMONY

Fears the Paris Olympic, and Paralympic, Games, with the opening ceremony this evening, could be blighted by industrial action in the transport sector have not materialised, and attention had turned to the promise of a grandiose and unique show for audiences worldwide. [The Loadstar](#)

BANGLADESH LOOKS AT DEMURRAGE WAIVER AS CONTAINERS PILE UP IN CHITTAGONG

The Chittagong port yards now have close to 40,000 teu of containers, mainly loaded with imports, piling up, following [nearly a week](#) of student protests that led to a highway blockade, curfew and internet restrictions.

And importers are facing huge demurrage charges for keeping containers at the port yards for more than four days – which they consider yet another blow after huge financial losses from factory closures and failures to ship goods on time. [The Loadstar](#)

'LAST CHANCE' FOR US IMPORTERS TO STOCK UP BEFORE POSSIBLE EAST COAST PORT STRIKE

The lead time for Chinese exports to the US east coast is still just over two months – highlighting that time is running out for shippers to get boost import stocks before a potential strike.

The recent Flexport Ocean Timeliness Indicator (OTI) revealed that China-to-USEC cargo transport is at 61 days – a minor improvement from last week's 62. [The Loadstar](#)

CONTAINER SPOT RATES HAVE PEAKED AS ALL MAJOR TRADES SEE PRICES FALL

There was more evidence in this week's container port freight markets that peak prices on the main east-west deepsea trades have passed.

All three major indices recorded single-digit declines on the back of lower utilisation of ships loading in Asia.

The most significant drops were seen on the transpacific Asia-North America route, where Drewry's World Container Index (WCI) Shanghai-Los Angeles declined 5% week on week, to yesterday's level of \$6,934 per 40ft, while Xeneta's transpacific XSI saw a 6% drop, to \$7,322 per 40ft, and the Freightos FBX dropped 4%, to \$7,738 per 40ft. [The Loadstar](#)

MAERSK FRANKFURT OWNER DECLARES GENERAL AVERAGE, AS FIRE-FIGHTING CONTINUES

Shippers with cargo on the Maersk Frankfurt, which has suffered fires on board for six days, have been, or will be, served General Average (GA) notices by vessel owner Tokei Kaiun, according to the latest Maersk update.

"We have received notification that the vessel owner has decided to declare General Average, and has appointed Richards Hogg Lindley as the GA adjusters to collect relevant securities," the Danish carrier, which had chartered the vessel, told affected customers. [The Loadstar](#)

MORE DANGER TO BOX SHIPS AS HOUTHIS EXPAND RED SEA ATTACK ARENA.

Concerns are mounting that the arena of operations for Houthi strikes against commercial shipping in the Red Sea has expanded, following a series of further attacks at the weekend.

After the Iran-backed militia struck Tel Aviv on Friday, killing one person and wounding at least 10, the Israeli military responded with airstrikes against Yemen's port city of Hodeidah that left three dead and more than 90 injured. This, in turn, prompted a failed retaliatory attack on Eilat that was intercepted. [The Loadstar](#)

WORLD CONTAINER INDEX DECREASES BY 2%

Drewry's WORLD Container Index has seen a decrease of 2% this week to US\$5806 per 40-foot container.

The decrease follows over a month of steady increases, including the 1% increase seen last week.

The composite index has increased 268% when compared with the same week last year.

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IATA DATA HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED STRONG DEMAND FOR AIR CARGO

"The International Air Transport Association's (IATA) latest data shows that global air cargo markets are continuing to boom.

June's figures have contributed to what IATA has described as "an exceptional first half-year performance for air cargo", with airfreight volumes exceeding those of last year, of 2022, and even of record-breaking 2021 levels. [Air Cargo News](#)

WEEKS OF DELAYS TO CARGO OPERATIONS FOLLOWING GLOBAL IT FAILURE

"The IT failure that last week grounded airline and airport operations around the world could take weeks to recover from, according to supply chain data firm Xeneta.

The disruption resulted in delays to thousands of flights and is understood to have been caused by a Microsoft IT outage triggered by a software update from cyber security company CrowdStrike. [Air Cargo News](#)

LOGISTICS UK WELCOMES FUNDING FOR GREEN AVIATION PROJECTS

"The UK government will make more than £100m in funding available for five research and development projects that aim to reduce the environmental impact of aviation.

The Department for Business and Trade said the funding would be delivered through Aerospace Technology Institute Programme to help pioneer groundbreaking new tech, including zero emission hydrogen flight and sustainable propulsion systems. [Air Cargo News](#)

REX AIRLINES ENTERS VOLUNTARY ADMINISTRATION BUT REGIONAL SERVICES CONTINUE TO OPERATE

"The Transport Workers Union says administrators of Rex Airlines expect up to 610 jobs to be axed after the carrier entered into voluntary administration.

Its fleet of Boeing 737 jets, which provide services between the major capital city airports, have all been grounded.

Rex's regional services will continue to operate.

A statement posted to the Rex website late on Tuesday said Regional Express Holdings Limited and a number of its subsidiaries under the Rex Group had entered voluntary administration, with EY appointed as administrators. [ABC News](#)