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## **1. High Alert on Huge Backlogs at Vancouver Ports – with CP Rail**

CP has released information that reads as follows:

'We regret to inform you that the rail car shortage in Vancouver continues and is effecting all steamship lines using this port. Based on current volumes of rail cars being received, we expect delays of approximately 10 days from time of vessel arrival to the loading of containers to rail cars.

CPR rail car shortages can be attributed to an unusual surge in demand for rail cars due to increased import and export volumes. Furthermore, the recent CNR labor unrest has put more pressure on rail car supply. This increased demand for rail services came at a time when CPR system still had not fully recovered from avalanches and derailments incurred in February. We are continuing to monitor the situation closely and will advise of any major changes.' Unquote

Though few facts can yet be identified, member firms are complaining intensely about huge delays and backlogs in CP's rail system from West to East - naturally effecting back haul and exports through Vancouver ports as well. In some instances, transit times from Vancouver to Montreal are longer today than the sea leg from some Asian ports to Vancouver!! In addition, CP appear to have difficulties in sending up-to-date status reports on the containers 'in the system' and often unaccounted for during longer periods of time. We will continue to monitor this situation and keep you informed accordingly.

## **2. New Certificate of Origin template by Toronto Board of Trade**

The Toronto Board of Trade has adopted a new Certificate of Origin template and will no longer certify any other Certificates of Origin. Blank Certificate of Origin forms are available from Migra International Ltd. or can be downloaded free at:

[http://www.bot.com/assets/StaticAssets/Documents/PDF/certificate\\_of\\_origin.pdf](http://www.bot.com/assets/StaticAssets/Documents/PDF/certificate_of_origin.pdf).

## **3. REMINDER – Current GRI, BAF, CAF rate increase levels on FE Import Cargo**

**Re: As previously announced -GRI / BAF / CAF on IMPORT CARGO:**

In response to recent announcements from W/B Atlantic Carriers and Pacific E/B Carriers (CTSA) regarding pending surcharges, ITN will be implementing surcharges, effective as per schedule below.

Reflective of rate adjustments and surcharges assessed by the steamship lines, all import shipments from/via Europe and Asia moving through our service, will be subject to these surcharges.

**Effective May 1<sup>st</sup> departures:**

Asia	<b><u>GRI – General Rate Increase</u></b>	
	20' Container	USD 680.00
	40' Container	USD 850.00
	40' HC Container	USD 955.00
	LCL Cargo	USD 17.00 W/M (MIN USD 17.00)

**Effective June 1<sup>st</sup> departures:**

Asia	<b><u>Peak Season Surcharge</u></b>	
	20' Container	USD 320.00
	40' Container	USD 400.00
	40' HC Container	USD 450.00
	LCL Cargo	USD 8.00 W/M (MIN USD 8.00)

**Effective April 12<sup>th</sup> departures:**

Europe	<b><u>GRI – General Rate Increase</u></b>	
	20' Container	USD 200.00
	40' Container	USD 250.00
	LCL Cargo	USD 5.00 W/M (MIN USD 5.00)

**CAF – Currency Adjustment Factor**

	20' Container	USD 65.00
	40' Container	USD 90.00
	LCL Cargo	USD 5.00 W/M (MIN USD 5.00)

**BAF – Bunker Adjustment Factor**

	20' Container	USD 192.00
	40' Container	USD 384.00
	LCL Cargo	USD 9.00 W/M (MIN USD 9.00)

**4. REMINDER – ACI / Security Fee Implementation**

The Advance Commercial Information (ACI) initiative is a major part of the Customs Action Plan launched in April 2000 by Canada Customs and Revenue Agency (CCRA). ACI will introduce more effective risk management processes and tools to identify threats to Canada prior to the arrival of shipments.

In support of these enhanced risk assessment processes, the Canadian Border Service Agency (CBSA - formerly CCRA) will require key data to be transmitted electronically before the goods arrive in the country. This data will be processed through a sophisticated targeting tool to detect high-risk shipments. At the same time, legitimate low-risk shipments will be cleared more quickly.

ACI will be delivered in phases. In accordance with the Canada-U.S. Smart Border Declaration, the focus of ACI Phase 1 is on marine cargo and conveyance information.

Effective April 19 2004, marine carriers will be required to electronically transmit marine cargo data to the CBSA 24 hours prior to the loading of the cargo in the foreign port. The CBSA will risk assess the data, and reach agreements with foreign customs authorities to examine any shipments identified as a potential security threat

The Carriers have announced as compensation for the processing and the on-going monitoring of this data and in an effort to offset mounting costs that are associated with our mandatory compliance to other governmental anti-terrorist programs, as well as general security initiatives within the industry, effective 19th April 2004, the following fee will be assessed against all containerized cargo that is discharging in Canada:

US Dollars 30.00 to 50.00 per bill of lading  
(fee will vary dependant on carrier and country of origin)

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