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1. Effective December 1, 2003 -CN introduces different rate policy for storage at BIT

Starting December 1, 2003, CN will introduce a new policy specifically designed for the Brampton Intermodal Terminal (BIT) that is more reflective of customer needs. Free storage will be allowed for 3 days (up from 2 days) and storage fee thereafter will be increased to \$ 150 per day.

All other CN terminals will remain at 3 free days and \$75 per day after free time has expired.

The reason for the hefty increase in storage is clearly designed to discourage the 'cheap warehousing alternative' at the terminal. After all, this is designed to be a rail to truck transfer station. FYI, CIFFA approves this move and applauds CN for taking the step to increase the free days as mentioned above. It also implores freight forwarders, brokers and importers to be better planned in the import process, so that delivery can take place upon customs clearance. Clearly, with more appropriate planning, a 48 to 72 hours time window for delivery should be adequate.

2. ITN Acquires Additional Facility

In order to better service our customers and accommodate an increase in traffic, ITN is pleased to announce the opening of a second warehouse by the Toronto airport, with 35,000sq.ft of available space. Combined, this brings a total of over 70,000 sq.ft of bonded and non-bonded space available at our disposal.

3. CN Brampton Terminal reservation system

To better help you with any questions regarding CN's 'new' reservation system for container retrieval at BIT, there is an excellent FAQ page on CN's website that can answer many of these questions which can be accessed at the following website:

http://www.cn.ca/Index/productsservices/intermodal/en_FAQ.s.html.

4. The Toronto Star reports: 'Foreign carriers blast Pearson fees'

Out-of-control spending and skyrocketing fees charged to airlines have put Pearson International Airport on the road to financial disaster and could force some international carriers to withdraw from the region, the foreign airline community says. The Association of Airline Representatives in Canada and IATA went public with frustrations over the \$4.4 billion GTAA project to build a terminal. Passengers and freight will ultimately pay the price either in higher fares or reduced service or choice, if airport management practices don't change and fees aren't at least frozen, if not reduced, said Eugene Hoeven, IATA's assistant director of user charges. For the full article, click here: http://www.thestar.com/NASApp/cs/ContentServer?pagename=thestar/Layout/Article_Type1&c=Article&cid=1065651009831&call_pageid=968350072197&col=969048863851age

5. Federal Government Records Sixth Consecutive Surplus

A News Release and Speech on the Federal surplus has just been posted on the Finance Canada Site.

<http://www.fin.gc.ca/news03/03-051e.html>

6. Import Far East PSS waived as scheduled

The Far East Peak Season Surcharge has been waived as of October 31, 2003. This fee is applied to all import Far East freight and is implemented each year from June 1st up-to October 31st –unless otherwise specified. If you recall back in 2002, the peak surcharge was extended right through to the beginning of 2003.

Any questions/clarifications with the above, please contact your sales representative or call **ITN Customer Service** department at **(905) 362-1111**



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