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1. **Far East Imports – Peak Season Extended**

Due to the continued strength in the Far East market, Carriers have announced that they will extend the Peak Season Surcharge until Nov.30/04, on cargo originating in Asia, Indian Subcontinent and Middle East to Canada –fees as follows:

20'cntr: us 320.00

40'cntr: us 400.00

40'hq : us 450.00

Further extension of the Peak will be monitored and advised accordingly.

2. **International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Charges**

In the wake of the 9/11 attacks in the US, many security initiatives have been implemented both in the US and Internationally. The ISPS Code was developed internationally under the Safety of Life At Sea (SOLAS) convention in response to potential threats to ships and port facilities. In light of this, European terminal operators have recently announced their intention to start charging an ISPS terminal surcharge fee. This will cover costs associated with the ongoing maintenance of running the new systems and procedures. These include: ISPS vessel certification, administrative costs of processing the terminal surcharge fees to shippers and consignees, also the cost charged by terminals for empty and transshipment moves. This fee is currently being negotiated, but minimum levels have been indicated of : EURO 15.00. We will continue to monitor and advise of any changes.

3. **Fuel Fees Increasing:**

With the Fuel Price Index (FPI) continuing to rise and reaching the highest level in 20 years, the increase in fuel fees are inevitable. The trucking inland fuel fee has increased to 13.5% and the airlines are charging between 0.40/kg to 0.48/kg. We will continue to report further changes accordingly.

4. **Service interruptions due to Strike:**

Please note that negotiations are continuing between government and union parties. Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) members of the Export Import Controls Bureau (EICB) of International Trade Canada, are now in a legal strike position. Members include permit administrators, data entry, registry and help desk personnel. While every effort is being made to carry on essential services during the strike, our clients should note that some delays are unavoidable. Talks continue between all groups involved and we anticipate a resolution soon. Updates will be sent as the situation unfolds.

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