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CUSTOMER ADVISORY

Sydney Congestion Surcharge – Update #2

Dear Valued Customer,

Further to our notices on 11th and 17th September, the congestion at port of Sydney has caused extended delays and omissions. Some carriers have started restricting bookings or have suspended them altogether. We would appreciate all clients' cooperation in planning ahead or shipping into alternative ports where possible.

A growing number of carriers operating in Australia are charging a Sydney Congestion Surcharge.

In addition to congestion fees, additional costs for shipments to/from Sydney are being levied in the form of Peak Season Surcharge, freight premiums, GRIs and re-routes.

Considering the growing additional cost, Vanguard has no choice but to update the implementation of the LCL Congestion Surcharge with additional lanes and a different tier.

- A fee of USD 13.50 w/m (minimum USD 13.50) is applicable, effective on 14th September for non-USA lanes and on 16th October for USA lanes.
- The fee will be invoiced with the origin charge for any export shipment departing Sydney and with the arrival charge for any import shipment arriving in Sydney.
- Effective 01st October, a congestion fee of USD 15 w/m (minimum USD 15 w/m) will apply on the following lanes:
 - Sydney to New Zealand
 - New Zealand to Sydney (excluding Lyttelton to Sydney)
 - Sydney to American Samoa, Fiji, French Polynesia (Tahiti), Tonga and Samoa
- The fee currently **does not** apply on the following trade lanes:
 - Sydney to Papua New Guinea, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Kiribati
 - Pacific Islands to Sydney
 - Lyttelton to Sydney

The application of the fee is dependent on vessel operator's ongoing changes and announcements and is therefore subject to changes.

We will provide future updates as needed.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

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