



Cleve Bulletin

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Cargo closing ECT terminals

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you about the revised closings of cargo acceptance at all ECT terminals as from May 1st, 2008.

The ECT terminals handle increasingly larger sea-going vessels with increasingly bigger call sizes. These vessels in addition sail in extreme tight schedules. A streamlined container handling operation requires high levels of planning and preparation from all parties concerned. This is why the ECT has again revised their procedures pertaining to the physical delivery of containers.

As from May 1st, 2008, containers to be loaded on board of a sea-going vessel must be physically present on the ECT terminals, no later than 48 hours before the ship's expected time of arrival (ETA).

Containers delivered after the cargo closure will automatically roll over to the next sailing. This revised procedure is applicable to all terminals, all shipping lines and all modalities. No exceptions will be made.

In order to prevent short-shipments, please bear in mind that it is most important to deliver your shipments to our CFS in time. As a consolidator, we need extra time to load the containers and truck the full containers to the terminal. Therefore we request you to adhere to our closing dates as well.

Should you have any doubts in relation to our closing dates, then please contact our Customer Service department and / or Planning department

Public Holidays

Please note that both our offices as well as our warehouses are closed on the following days

Rotterdam:
 April 30th, 2008 : Queens birthday
 May 1st, 2008 : Ascension Day
 May 12th, 2008 : Whit Monday

Antwerp:
 May 1st, 2008 : Ascension Day
 May 2nd, 2008 : Labour Day
 May 12th, 2008 : Whit Monday

Please make necessary arrangements in order to deliver your shipments in time. Thank you.





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ROTTERDAM CFS LCR

c/o Cleve & Zonen
A. Plesmanweg 151, Portno. 2360
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Open from 07.30 till 09.00, from
09.15 till 11.45 and from 12.30 till
15.00 hrs.

CFS Hollands Veem

c/o Cleve & Zonen
Boyneweg 1, Portno. 5084
3197 LK Rotterdam - Botlek
Open from 07.30 till 15.45 hrs.
Delivery till 15.00 hrs !

CFS Estron

c/o Cleve & Zonen
Shannonweg 84, Portno. 5064
3197 LH Rotterdam - Botlek
Open from 07:30 till 15:30 hrs.
Delivery till 15:00 hrs !

ANTWERP

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Belgium
Open from 8.00 till 15.45 hrs.

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Ian's Column

The Bunker Adjustment Factor has always been a hot debated item as far as rating is concerned. Also the formula used by the different conferences has always been subject to criticism by the trade. Some of the conferences, when applying a General Rate Increase (GRI) simultaneously included the BAF, valid at the time of the GRI, as a consequence of which the next GRI automatically calculated the increase over the BAF as well. This of course creates a distorted picture where increases in fuel costs add to the level of the increase.

Whereas initially the BAF quantum was calculated on a percentage basis it is now based on a U.S.\$ factor. During the mid eighties when BAF was still a percentage factor it rose to more than 40% to the Far East and with CAF levels over 50% and average freight rates hovering around USD 1500 for a 20', the FAC was still a respectable commission to collect in comparison with today's rates and surcharges.

Baf levels and modus of calculation are also reported to the European Commission in Brussels as well as to the European Shippers Council for monthly scrutiny.

The actual calculation is based on the following formula:

- A. Average weighted index (every 14 days) 125*
- B. Base index 100*
- C. percentage increase 25%*
- D. Base bunker cost per teu USD 50.00 (example)*
- E. C X D USD 12.50*

*BAF as calculated USD 13.00 per teu
(courtesy fefc)*

This process is repeated throughout the month and then averaged to provide the monthly BAF.

With Baf levels having reached an all time high it is surprising to see that trading volumes remain at a steady high level. And with ever increasing demand for oil, it is more than likely that the upward trend will continue.

Airfreight promo

For the month of May 2008, we have selected Beijing as our special airfreight destination.

For rate inquiries (> 300 kgs), please contact Ms. Minouche Ros by phone or by e-mail.

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Brazilian Customs strike

We would like to bring to your attention, a situation that is currently taking place in Brazil. Brazilian Customs Officers, who regulate the cargo clearance, have implemented a strike / slow down. This strike is now moving into its fourth week with only one third of Customs Officers reporting for work.

Import cargo clearance has been the most affected by this slow down. As a result, yard space at the terminals is becoming very tight. Santos terminal has been the most affected due to the high volume into and out of this port. Please bear in mind that this could lead to additional warehouse or terminal storage charges.

There currently does not seem to be an end to this strike and the situation will probably get worse before it gets better. Once the strike does end, congestion at the ports will still take some time to return to normal levels.

A request from our documentation department

While sending us your bill of lading instructions, please make sure to mention the booking number you have received from us. This makes it easier for us to find the corresponding shipment, which saves us a lot of time. This would enable us to send out the bill of lading drafts faster, as well.

Please be guided accordingly.

