



Port Congestion Surcharge

Unitrans Holiday Hours

After a one week suspension of the Port Congestion Surcharge, steamship lines are reinstating the fee. Most carriers will begin implementing the surcharge today, November 26th. The main difference between the initial implementation and this week's is that the surcharge will now be effective based on cargo receipt at origin, not ETA to the ports. The following carriers are implementing the surcharge, effective today: APL, China Shipping, CMA CGM, Cosco, Hanjin Shipping, Hyundai Merchant Marine, Maersk, Mediterranean Shipping, NYK Lines, OOCL, U.S. Lines, Yang Ming and Zim Lines. MOL will begin tomorrow, November 27th. United Arab Shipping will begin on December 2nd. Evergreen will begin on December 21st. Matson will not apply unless there is a labor strike or lockout. Hamburg Sud, Hapag Lloyd and K-Line are still determining their course of action as of this report. The majority are charging \$800/20', \$1000/40', \$1125/40'HQ and \$1266/45'. That will equate to a \$20/cbm congestion surcharge on all LCL cargo.

Unitrans International offices will be closed all day on November 27, in celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday. Normal business hours will resume on November 28 at 8:00am. Unitrans would like to wish you a healthy holiday!

December 15 General Rate Increase

As published in last week's newsletter and via a news bulletin, the TSA carriers announced a GRI for December 15th of \$800/20', \$1000/40', \$1125/40'HQ and \$1266/45' for the Trans-Pacific Eastbound Trade. There were reports this week that the carriers were discussing postponement of this increase. However, this is not the case. The carriers are still planning on a December 15 increase, therefore, Unitrans will continue to monitor and work with the carriers prior to this potential increase.

Strikes at Belgium Ports

Ports of LA-LB Work to Reduce Congestion

Operations halted at the Port of Antwerp, Europe's third largest container port, on Monday, November 24. Port workers organized a 24-hour strike to protest the Belgian government's austerity program. Unions state that the government plans to extend working hours while cutting wages and delaying workers' pensions. Similar day long strikes will continue every Monday until December 15, when the unions will join in a day of nationwide action. The Flanders region, including the ports of Antwerp, Zeebrugge and Ghent, has been the main target for the strikes.

Most of the 13 terminal operators in LA-LB have begun to stagger breaks so that terminal gates remain open continuously for entire shifts. In December, the Port of Long Beach will utilize vacant Pier S to open a facility for the storage of empty containers. The port has also secured 3000 additional chassis' through arrangements with private chassis fleets.

Link of the Week

[Thanksgiving Facts](#)



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INTERNATIONAL HOLIDAYS	
Holidays do not necessarily indicate close of business	
November 28	Albania, Chad, Congo, Mauritania, Namibia, +
November 29	Albania, Chad, Liberia, Vanuatu
November 30	Barbados, Philippines, Romania, Yemen
December 1	Barbados, Panama, Romania, South Sudan, +
December 2	Laos, United Arab Emirates
December 3	United Arab Emirates
December 4	United Arab Emirates

