



2nd November 2011

Agreement of Rationalisation for Australia – South Pacific Islands Service (AUSPAC)

Notice to Shippers

PORT KEMBLA CENTRALISATION ARRANGEMENTS

In order to minimise the disruptive effects of port congestion in Sydney upon the business interests of shippers and carriers, the members of the Auspac service have taken the initiative of implementing contingency arrangements which involve the diversion of vessels away from Port Botany to Port Kembla.

To facilitate the viability of this operation the Auspac members are to introduce a centralisation charge of A\$100 per teu for cargo delivered in Sydney but loaded on board vessels at Port Kembla. Such charge, which represents a contribution towards higher costs involved in the operation, will not apply for cargo delivered by shippers directly to Port Kembla.

The centralisation charge will commence to apply from shipments loaded on the 'Forum Fiji' v105 eta Port Kembla 9th December 2011.

It is hoped such contingency arrangements will serveto restore the integrity of members sailing schedule and in turn the international competitiveness of Australian exporters to the South Pacific Islands.

The Australian Peak Shippers Association has been notified of members intentions in this regard.

AUSPAC members:

Neptune Pacific Line Inc (Neptune)

Pacific Forum Line (NZ) Limited (PFL)

Rhia Australia Limited (PDL/Reef/Sofrana)

The China Navigation Company Pte Ltd (CNCo)

AUSPAC members have adopted voluntary policy guidelines and have reached a non-binding consensus on the introduction of these centralisation arrangements.

Should you have any queries, please contact your local Reef Representative.