

Urgent Information Bulletin

Far East

We are urgently advised that, due to severe congestion, the **Shanghai port** authority has announced the wharf is '**closed**' until further notice.

A tremendous surge in container deliveries has been experienced in Shanghai due to the ocean rate increase effective 1st July, a reduction in the export rebate system on 1st July and localized fog. It is understood that due to this large number of exporting containers, many are stuck at the port of Shanghai which cannot be processed by the deadlines. The Shanghai port is not accepting any export containers delivered to the wharf nor will they accept any incoming vessels to berth at the terminals – until the current backlog is cleared by the stevedore.

Several vessels only took part of their anticipated load of containers on board since the terrible chaos in the quay, resulting in many shipping lines being unable to find the remaining balance of customs-released containers.

RIF in China are working closely with shippers and the various shipping lines to ensure all booked containers have been shipped as planned. We thank you for your patience at this time and we will keep you updated on developments.



Airfreight Fuel Surcharge Increase

Due to continued increases in the prices of fuel, trigger points have been reached in the fuel surcharge indexes of the airlines resulting in a rise in the fuel surcharge rate for airfreight shipments. Effective 18th July 2007 fuel surcharge will be charged at HK\$4.8 per kg, or local currency equivalent, until further notice.

Official notification from the airlines are available upon request, please contact your local RIF Worldwide office. Alternatively, please visit www.baworldcargo.com/surcharges for more information.

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