



Masterpiece International, Ltd.

International Commercial Logistics and Consulting Customs Brokers Freight Forwarder

Dear Valued Clients,

We have been notified, of a critical space issue from Asia that we must make everyone aware of. We have been informed that the lines are claiming a critical space shortage, and will not book cargo with revenues to the WC rate below \$2107/40'/\$1700/20 & the ECAW rate from \$2995/40' \$2400/20 for the coming week only and the rates will be further increased from the sailing after next. In addition, we have been notified that all rates for named account to WC/IPI will be increased by \$246/307/345 per 20'/40'/40HC on top of the ERC from February 1, 2010, of \$320/20 \$400/40.

We would like to bring to your attention that the space situation in Asia is extremely critical that carriers are making every opportunity to increase their rates again from February 1, 2010. Our main supporting carriers have also hinted to us to take a voluntary increase of \$200 to \$300 per 40' across the board in order to maintain our existing space, or we'll not get the required space from February 1, 2010. They claim that all future space will be released based on revenue yield contribution. All will greatly suffer in this space re-allocation as we try to negotiate the best rates for you our clients.

As the demand is way above the supply, carriers say that top International clients have already agreed to take a voluntary increase of \$200 to \$300 per 40' in order to trade for space guarantee. The increase for Central and Northern China is said to be as high as \$450/40'.

As the space situation is very very critical in Asia, we would like to give you a heads up first as we may be forced to take the same voluntary increase in the coming few days, or we may not get our required space from February 1, 2010. There is rumor in the market that customers need to buy space at \$2350/40' to WC and \$3150 to \$3350 per 40' to ECAW if they don't have any s/c with the carriers. Please be prepared as the crazy time is coming due to great shortage of space. We will keep you updated of the status.

Sincerely,

Masterpiece International / Multimodal International Shipping