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The quota updates for this week include:

1. EU Quota fill-rates
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ON THE ANVIL

Updates being processed:

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AMERICAS

COLOMBIA

Change in duty rates for certain chemicals and machinery.

Source: Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism

ASIA-PACIFIC

INDIA

Changes in Default, Additional Duty of Customs (ADC), NCCD and Education Cess Rates affecting HS Numbers for Chapters 1 to 97, issued by Department of Customs and Excise, Government of India, effective from March 1, 2008.

Source: Department of Customs and Excise

PAKISTAN

Amendments for change in Customs Duty rates for HS No 85287211 and 85287212, issued by Ministry of Finance and Revenue, Government of Pakistan vide Notification 268(1)2008 dated 03/10/2008.

Source: Ministry of Finance and Revenue Government of Pakistan

EUROPE

AUSTRIA

Update on VAT rates for the year 2008.

Source: Austrian Customs

EU

The HM Revenue & Customs has published its monthly electronic tariff file. This includes an update to the HS numbers, import duties and preferential duties.

Source: EU Commission

MIDDLE-EAST/AFRICA

SACU

Changes in HS Description, duty rates, Fuel and road accident levy.

(NOTE: South African Customs Union (SACU) consists of Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Swaziland).

Source: South African Revenue Services

MOROCCO

Enhancement of Content for Morocco by Addition of Egypt-Morocco Bilateral Trade Agreement affecting many products across the Tariff.

Source: Morocco Customs

NIGERIA

Update on duty, excise and other tax rates as per the 2008 tariff.

Source: Federal Ministry of Finance, Nigeria Customs Service

REGULATORY UPDATES

EUROPE

EU

1. The EU has imposed definitive anti-dumping duties on import of electrolytic manganese dioxides (EMD) (i.e. manganese dioxides produced through an electrolytic process) originating in South Africa and coke or coal in pieces with a diameter of more than 80 mm (Coke 80+) originating in China
2. The EU Commission has repealed the anti-dumping duty on imports of urea originating in Belarus, Croatia, Libya and Ukraine
3. The EU Commission has terminated the provisional anti-dumping duty on import of polyvinyl alcohol originating in China and Taiwan
4. The EU commission has amended Regulation (EC) No 1425/2006 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on import of certain plastic sacks and bags originating in China and Thailand. The Chinese company Xinhui Alida Polythene Ltd. receives an anti-dumping rate of 4.3%.

Source: EU Commission

REGULATORY UPDATES contd...**ASIA-PACIFIC****TAIWAN**

Customs Tariff published for the year 2008.

Source: Bureau of Foreign Trade

CONTRACT ASSESSORIAL UPDATES**Fuel Surcharge Updates:****CAN-EUR**

CanConf members announce new northbound IFP levels, effective May 1, 2008:
20' \$654; 40' \$1308

EUR-M.EAST

EMERA members lines wish to advise customers of the following BAF levels, effective May 1, 2008:

From/to UK, North West Continent, Scandinavia and the Baltic: FCL Cargo USD 400.00 per TEU

EUR-MED

EMTA member lines advise the following new BAF levels will apply effective May 1, 2008: Eire, North Continent, Scandinavia, Baltic/East Med Southbound and Northbound: EUR 179 per TEU
UK/East Med Southbound and Northbound: GBP 138 per TEU

For the Cyprus Sector (effective March 15th):

Southbound: EUR 188; GBP 145

Northbound: EUR 94; GBP 72

The following Interim Fuel Participation Factor levels will apply effective April 15th:

Southbound: USD 291 per TEU

Northbound: USD 145 per TEU

W.ASIS-EUR

IPBCC member lines wish to inform their customers of the following new BAF levels, effective May 1st:

From/to UK, North West Continent, Scandinavia and the Baltic:

FCL Cargo: USD 345.00 per TEU; LCL Cargo: USD 34.50 W/M; Breakbulk Cargo: Plus 96%

From/to the Mediterranean:

FCL Cargo: USD 330.00 per TEU; LCL Cargo: USD 33.00 W/M; Breakbulk Cargo: Plus 92%

CARRIER SERVICE UPDATES**LTAM-MED**

CMA CGM is pleased to announce the launch of a new loop on its SIRIUS service, which links the East Coast of Latin America, the East Mediterranean, and North Africa. This new addition allows for direct calls to be made in Malta and Dakar.

ASIA-US

CMA CGM is also pleased to announce that they have signed a cooperation agreement with Maersk in order to create a new line between North Asia and the US West Coast. Beginning in April 2008, CMA will be able to provide weekly connections between Korea, Japan, and the US.

AUS/NZ-US

Hapag-Lloyd will offer its customers significantly shorter transit times with the ANP service, which is set to begin in either May or June. Thanks to a new cooperation between Hamburg Sud and Maersk, the port rotation will be streamlined and will include the following locations: Melbourne, Port Chalmers, Tauranga, Auckland, Manzanillo/Balboa, Cartagena, Savannah, Philadelphia, and Sydney.

ASIA-AUS/NZ

ANL Singapore Pte Ltd (ANL), China Shipping Container Line (CSCL), and Orient Overseas Container Line (OOCL) have announced that they will upgrade their ANL/ACE North Asia (AANA) service. Starting in May 2008, the service will operate on a 35-day round-trip voyage, and will include the following locations: Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Yokohama, Osaka, Pusan, Qingdao, Shanghai, Ningbo, Hong Kong, and Kaohsiung.

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