



MSC Mediterranean Shipping Company wishes to advise clients of delays to vessels transiting through Australian ports, in particular Sydney.

The delays in Sydney are the direct result of repetitive heavy weather systems passing through New South Wales during the previous 4-5 weeks. The weather experienced over the last weekend was significant enough to cause the suspension of pilotage services and closure of the port.

In addition to weather, delays to vessels are also being experienced due to the Industrial Action being undertaken by the Maritime Union of Australia. This is occurring across a number of Australia's main container terminals and unfortunately remains an ongoing issue which is creating delays throughout the entire supply chain.

As a result of the above, we understand that vessels may be delayed by up to five (5) days from their intended schedules. Currently this is impacting all liner services.

If the situation does not improve significantly in Sydney, MSC may review the possibility of a Congestion Surcharge that would be applicable for Sydney cargo, so as to ensure we are able to continue offering Australian shippers a reliable service.

MSC wishes to assure clients that we are working round the clock with all the relevant ports and stakeholders to ensure that MSC operated vessels move quickly and efficiently through each port call, with as minimal delay as possible.

Should you have any further questions on the above, please contact your local MSC office.

Best Regards

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