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GRI increase effective this Wed., Aug. 1

To US West Coast

USD 400/20 USD 500/40 USD 550/40HC.

To US intermodal points moving through/via US West Coast ports :

USD 560/20 USD 700/40 USD 750/40HC

To US East Coast port/port and to US intermodal points moving through/via U.S. East Coast ports:

USD 560/20 USD 700/40 USD 750/40HC

We are asked a lot about rate increase announcements. The United States is one of the few countries in the world where ocean freight trade is regulated by the federal government via the Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) in Washington. The FMC requires carriers to maintain tariffs on file in Washington, and requires a 30-day notification from the carriers to clients about intended rate increases or special surcharges. During the 30 day period leading up to the effective date, carriers are monitoring :

- their container load reports;
- customer feedback on the competition (i.e. are other lines saying they're not taking the GRI, or taking a lesser amount); and
- customer response (dissatisfaction) on the announcement.

Based on this criteria lines may mitigate or eliminate the increase altogether up until midnight before the effective date. Please let us know if you have additional questions.

Steve Klinger, director of operations

TMF assessed Aug. 1

Beginning August 1, the traffic mitigation fee at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach will increase by \$1.50 per TEU (twenty-foot equivalent

Cargo Services Inc. Books for Youth Kicks Off Season

increase by \$100 per TEU (twenty-foot equivalent unit) to \$61.50 per twenty-foot container or \$123 per forty-foot container. This is the first TMF increase since 2006.

The fee supports night and Saturday marine terminal shifts created by the Pier Pass Off Peak program to relieve daytime congestion in and around the ports. It also provides a financial incentive to move cargo during less congested times.

MPF update

In our last newsletter we let you know about the US Customs & Border Protection (CBP) retroactive billing for merchandise processing fee (MPF).

CBP subsequently announced in [CSMS#12-000275](#) that some entry summaries (filed prior to October 1, 2011) were erroneously billed the MPF increase. CBP will re-liquidate those entry summaries billed in error to reflect the original MPF rate.

Importers that have already paid the incorrect bills will receive a refund.



For the fifth year in a row, Cargo Services Inc. is the title sponsor of the Colts and Indiana Department of Child Services Books for Youth campaign that provides Indiana foster children 25 books in a Colts backpack. The season kicked off at HAYNES International in Kokomo, Ind. on July 18. A special thanks to the leadership at Haynes for working with us, the Colts staff and DCS.



More than 50 Indiana Foster Children received one of these backpacks filled with books.

Read more about the event and the program on our [website](#).

(Pictured above from left to right: Hayley Dockmeyer from Haynes, Steve Fugate, Lynn Cope from Haynes, Will Batton and John Rowe)

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