



December 14, 2009

AUSTRALASIA SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

TRANSHIP CARGO via the FAR EAST

--- GULF OF ADEN SURCHARGE ---

Effective ~~January 15, 2010,~~

**US Lines will implement a Gulf of Aden Surcharge
On Cargo exiting the United States and Canada
via the Far East, to both Australia and New Zealand.**

The transit of Container Ships through the Gulf of Aden in both directions is now subject to higher costs due to increased insurance premiums and other costs caused by the prevailing risks of piracy in the area.

As such, Aden Gulf Surcharge will be assessed at USD 41 per TEU effective ~~January 15, 2010,~~ on all containers crossing this area at any point in the voyage.

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**Tariff & Contract rates will adjust by:**

**US \$41/20' and US \$82/40'**

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We appreciate your continued support of USL!

If you have any questions, please contact your USL representative.

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