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BDG Australia and New Zealand Service: FCL, LCL and Air

We are announcing our new 2006 transshipment and direct service into Australia and New Zealand. We recently concluded negotiations with our new carrier into Australia and New Zealand. Call us for the 2006 pricing.

Chicago Ramp Transit times below. Please contact our office for transit times from other ports and ramps.

Transit times via ocean **trans-ship** service

Weekly Sailings

47 days Chicago Ramp to Sydney
50 days Chicago Ramp to Brisbane
44 days Chicago Ramp to Melbourne
64 days Chicago Ramp to Auckland

Transit times via ocean **Direct** Service

Weekly Sailings

28 days Chicago Ramp to Sydney
36 days Chicago Ramp to Brisbane
31 days Chicago Ramp to Melbourne

25 days Chicago Ramp to Auckland

C-TPAT (Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism)

We are proud to announce that we have one of the oldest on-going security programs in the port of Chicago. We have been inspected every year and received compliments on our detailed and efficient security program.

BDG International is a certified C-TPAT Freight forwarder / NVOCC & Customs Broker.

Any C-TPAT company can verify our certification on the C-TPAT website.

As a C-TPAT participant we encourage others to review their internal security programs and consider applying to become C-TPAT. Please visit the website below

http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/import/commercial_enforcement/ctpat/onlinecpat_app_process/

Applying to become C-TPAT can be overwhelming. BDG can assist you at no charge with very simple steps to becoming C-TPAT. If you have any questions please contact Lisa Victoria Waller, 847-760-0014, or lisaw@bdginternational.com

Ocean Hazardous Materials Update

This is an important announcement regarding the hazardous material shipments you offer to BDG International. Ocean hazardous material shipments must comply with the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code. A branch of the United Nations called the International Maritime Organization publishes these regulations every 4 years. The 31st revision to these regulations, or the 31st Amendment, was published in the 2000 Edition of the IMDG Code. The 32nd Amendment was published at the end of last year in the 2004 Edition. As this has been a transition year, both can currently be used to make a compliant shipment. Soon, however, use of the 32nd Amendment of the IMDG Code will become mandatory.

Beginning January 1, 2006 all overseas hazardous material shipments must be compliant with the 32nd Amendment of the IMDG Code.

If you need information as to where you can obtain the 32nd Amendment/2004 Edition of the IMDG Code or if you have any other questions, please e-mail us at ocean@bdginternational.com

Export Documentation Update

In recent months we have been seeing an increasing number of countries scrutinizing weights and dimensions and comparing them against the weights and dimensions on the Ocean B/L or Air Waybill. Shipment weights and dimensions are taken at our warehouse when we receive the shipment. These

figures are used when creating the transport document. It is very likely that the numbers from your warehouse will not match our figures. We are recommending to all clients to avoid placing weights and dimensions on their commercial invoice.

Customs Steps Up Enforcement Penalties

Customs and Border Protections is stepping up its enforcement efforts on both import and export shipments. Companies can now expect to reimburse the government for lost duties, interest, and civil penalties.

Customs headquarters is beginning to feel that the agency has not been strict enough in seeking penalties when they are called for.

The trade industry can reduce or eliminate some penalties by establishing compliance procedures.

Establish Effective Internal Controls

- a. Compliance Manual
 - i. Updated when new products are imported
- b. Follow Generally Recognized Best Practices
- c. Documentation for each import shipment.
 - i. Country of Origin
 - ii. Compliance with Duty Preferences
- d. Compliance Training for personnel
- e. Companies can demonstrate that managers are closely managing import activities
- f. Companies can demonstrate that top management supports compliance programs and are aware that they can be held responsible for egregious violations of commercial laws.

Feel free to contact our offices for further information on compliance programs or visit:

<http://www.auditnet.org/docs/Import%20Compliance.pdf>

http://www.exportimportlaw.com/documents/13_Commandments.pdf

BDG International Website Web-tools

Visit our website for the following useful links. Select the Resources tab and then Web-Tools

[Currency Conversions](#)

[Metric Conversions](#)

[Online Atlas](#)

[Zip Code Finder](#)

[World Time Clock](#)

[Area Code Decoder](#)

[Online Phone Directory](#)

[Online Translations](#)

[ICC Incoterm Definitions](#)

[Glossary Of Shipping Terms](#)

[Nearest Airport Finder](#)

[World Weather](#)

BDG International has provided International Freight Forwarding, NVOCC, Custom House Broker, and Truck Brokerage services since 1983. BDG offers international transportation worldwide via air or ocean. Our services include complete export/import documentation and customs clearance support to clients throughout the USA.

We invite you to contact our offices with any questions you may have.

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