

RHINE RIVER: LOW WATER SURCHARGE

CUSTOMER ADVISORY

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Due to the continuous drought situation, the water levels on the Rhine river keep on falling.

As, due to the low water levels, barge operators restricted the amount of cargo they can load on barges, it is a custom of the trade that in this situation barge operators charge a low water surcharge to their customers.

As this is a pure case of "Force Majeure" it is obvious that MSC cannot absorb this surcharge and that it must be passed on to the cargo interests for all barge and barge - road transports.

The amount to be collected, either from the shippers or consignees is,

as from July 10th, 2017: Euro 30,-/20ft and Euro 40,-/40ft

This amount can vary according to the severity and duration of the low water situation.

This surcharge only applies to barge, or barge-road transports both pre- and on-carriage from or to the ports of Antwerp and Rotterdam to Germany, France and Switzerland via the Rhine river.

Feeder services between Antwerp and Rotterdam are not affected.

For further information, please contact your local MSC office.