



CMA CGM (Deutschland) GmbH Shipping Agency

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Implementation of an Intermodal Congestion Surcharge for transports via Benelux and German Ports

Dear valued customers,

due to the current irregular ship arrivals, last intensified by the temporary closure of the Suez Canal, our transport service providers are currently unable to carry out a purposeful planning of capacities as well as of the transports to be carried out.

Frequent changes of ship arrivals at short notice and limited time windows for the delivery of export containers lead to unproductive waiting times, frequent postponements/rescheduling, and consequently unused modes of transport.

The immensely increased administrative effort on the part of the service providers and the shipping companies combined with an increase of empty container repositioning expenses have a significant impact on the inland cost structure and a smooth process of transport bookings, can no longer be achieved in a cost-neutral manner. The considerable problems associated with this apply to all modes of transport (truck, rail, barge).

For the above-mentioned reasons, we are forced to impose a so-called **Intermodal Congestion Surcharge (ICS) applied as from the 15th of May (Transportation Date)** and until further notice.

All inland transports via German ports:	EUR 25,- per container
Inland transports to/from Germany, Switzerland, France via Benelux ports:	EUR 25,- per container
Inland transports to/from <u>all other countries</u> via Benelux ports:	EUR 10,- per TEU

With this measure we want to ensure that we can continue to offer you the usual quality in the intermodal transport sector.

For further information please contact your local sales representative.

Best regards

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