

## **Revised container weight restrictions – Christmas Island**

13<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Dear Valued Customers,

Some of the containers being shipped to the port of Kiritimati ( Christmas Island ) have been exceeding the maximum allowable gross weight of 25mt. This is causing additional stress on the port and related infrastructure and causing congestion of the full and empty equipment flow on island.

Kiribati Port Authority ( KPA ) have announced that all containers must be limited to a maximum gross weight including the container tare weight, of 23 tonnes. This new weight limitation will be implemented with immediate effect. 40' equipment is still not accepted to this port.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that as per standard shipping practice & IMO requirements, all containers booked to load on ocean going vessels, must be accompanied by a VGM ( Verified Gross Mass ) declaration. In Fiji, the containers will also be weighed on the weighbridge in the port & any containers exceeding the weight restrictions will need to be repacked to meet the requirements, with associated costs for the shippers account.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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