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1. Far East Space Constraints

Please be advised that over the last two weeks we have seen an exponential increase in space constraints on vessels to SA from the Far East. All lines appear overbooked for weeks in advance and the upcoming holidays in China will only add to this pressure. It is our belief that the current space restrictions have been created by multiple factors, but primarily an increase in trade (especially to South America) following economic activity increases after the initial COVID-19 shutdowns and a reduction in total TEU space created by changes in vessels and vessel numbers on the route.

Please be assured that SCT and our team in China are being as proactive as possible to secure space well in advance to meet requirements but we warn that delays could be experienced over the next few months. We ask you to consider, where possible, advanced ordering or adding days to your lead time planning.

2. GRI Notification

In addition to the above we have again received notices from all shipping lines warning of further General Rate Increases (GRI's) that will be published for Mid-September onward sailings. We will keep you updated as these are published but SCT continue to negotiate these as low as possible on our preferential contracts.

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