

WELCOME

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2018.

In January we celebrated three anniversaries at Precision Forwarding.

INDUSTRY

Department of Immigration and
Border Protection

Jackie Dummer – 10 years of service

I have known Jackie for about 15 years and we certainly have had some fun times together (especially before kids...ha ha). Jackie is a hard and thorough worker and always has been. She has a very big heart and someone I can rely on always. It's been a pleasure having Jackie work with us for 10 years.

INDUSTRY

Innovation

Belinda Brannock – 5 years of service

I have also known Belinda for about 15 years. Belinda is such a bubbly, happy person and seems to be able to brighten up anyone's day. Belinda is the accounts guru and does such a great job at spending money and of course collecting money. It's also been a pleasure to have Belinda with us for 5 years.

PRECISION FORWARDING

Meet us

Australian Customs Direct Debit

PRECISION FORWARDING celebrated its 12th year of business on January 31.

Such a big achievement and a big thank you to all our staff and customers who have contributed to helping Precision Forwarding get to where we are today. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

This month we have a new team member Carlie Jeanneret to assist with general office duties and some operations work.

Please join me in welcoming Carlie to our Precision Forwarding family.

BUSINESS

E-Bay dumps Paypal

We are travelling full steam ahead into February as we approach the Chinese New Year (Feb 16). Chinese New Year, also known as the "Spring Festival" in modern Mainland China, is China's most important traditional festival, celebrated at the turn of the traditional lunisolar Chinese calendar, which consists of both Gregorian and lunar-solar calendar systems. According to the Chinese 12-year animal zodiac cycle, the Chinese year beginning in 2018 is the year of the **Dog**. Please note our China offices will close from Feb 15 to Feb 21.

Happy Chinese New Year and wishing you all good luck in 2018.

Regards,
Julianne Madden



The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources has found significant numbers of Brown marmorated stink bugs (BMSB) on arrival in Australia in various types of containerised goods arriving from Italy. These detections indicate that BMSB are sheltering in a range of containers and goods outside of those captured by existing measures. To manage the risk posed by these goods, all containerised goods shipped via sea cargo from Italy that arrive in Australia between 17 January 2018 and 30 April 2018 will be required to undergo an approved treatment

Background

BMSB is not found in Australia and needs to be kept out. It is a pest of considerable biosecurity concern. It is a voracious feeder and has the potential to severely impact our agriculture industries. Juveniles and adults feed on, and can severely damage, fruit and vegetable crops (known to host on up to 300 known plants). It is also a nuisance pest as adults enter vehicles, homes and factories in large numbers in autumn months, looking for places to shelter over winter. The bug is not a risk to human health

BMSB can arrive in Australia on cargo and in containers between September and April, coinciding with late autumn and winter in the Northern Hemisphere. To combat any spread this pest The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources has introduced measures to manage the risk of brown marmorated stink bugs during the high risk season for these pests.

2017-18 Measures

The department has developed measures which will apply to high risk sea cargo from the United States and Italy shipped from 1 September 2017 to 30 April 2018, in addition to standard import requirements. If it established in Australia, this pest would be extremely difficult and expensive to manage, partly due to its broad host range. Preventing an incursion in the first place is a high priority for government and industry.

Goods already treated offshore with one of the approved BMSB treatments, and where a valid treatment certificate is presented to the department, will not require further treatment.

Exceptions from treatment also apply to goods that fall within one of the excluded tariff groups:

- Fresh produce (including nursery stock and live plants)
- Live animals
- Food for human consumption
- Seeds for sowing

All other containerised goods (FCL, FCX and LCL) arriving from Italy (including new and unused goods), including those already en route to Australia, will require treatment on arrival using methyl bromide, or another approved treatment for BMSB. These measures are in addition to existing import requirements. The department will inspect randomly selected containers post treatment to validate treatment effectiveness and to collect intelligence to determine future measures.

If you see something that could have entered Australia with imported goods report it to See. Secure. Report. on 1800 798 636



Features: Shield shape, adults are mottled reddish-brown, white bands on antennae, legs, and rear margin of body



CMA CGM Group, a world leader in maritime transport has announced its decision to equip its 9 future ships of 22,000 TEUs (Twenty-foot Equivalent Unit) to be delivered in 2020, with engines propelled using liquefied natural gas.

CMA CGM is becoming the first shipping company in the world to equip giant containerships with this type of motorization, thus pursuing its firm commitment to the protection of the environment and to ocean conservation.

A technological breakthrough for the environment

The use of LNG is a real technological breakthrough that will yield significant benefits compared to heavy fuel oil:

up to 25% less CO₂

99% less sulphur emissions

99% less fine particles

85% less nitrogen oxides emissions

The company confirmed the order for the 22,000 TEU vessels earlier in 2017, the contract is estimated to be worth USD 1.2 billion. The first ships from the order are scheduled to come into service from the end of 2019.

These containerships will be LNG-powered, a small percentage of marine gas oil will only be used for the ignition in the combustion chamber. The use of LNG would yield significant benefits compared to heavy fuel oil. Namely, the move would lead to up to 25% less CO₂ emissions, 99% less sulphur emissions, 99% less fine particles and 85% less nitrogen oxides emissions, CMA CGM informed.

CMA CGM Groups CEO, Rodolphe Saadé stated “We have made the bold decision to equip our future 22,000 TEUs vessels with a technology firmly focused on the protection of the environment. By choosing LNG, CMA CGM confirms its ambition to be a leading force in the industry in environmental protection by being a pioneer in innovative and eco-responsible technologies.”

Precision Forwarding

This month Carlie Jeanneret joined Precision Forwarding team to assist with general office duties and some operations work. Below Carlie tells us a little about herself.

Position held at Precision: General Office Clerk

Work Experience:

5+years Administration experience. Dance teacher and working with children.

Tell us a little about yourself:

24 years of age, very bubbly and outgoing. Lived at the snow for 3 winters and am now dedicating myself to working and saving. Live with my wonderful family, Mum, Dad, Sister and Niece, And a very supportive Partner! Mother to Two beautiful Poodle x chihuahua's named Elsa & Anna. Family always comes first to me.

Favourite place to eat out and why:

Criniti's (Because who does not love Italian food)

Last movie you saw: Den Of Thieves (the boyfriends choice of course)

What (nonliving thing) can't you live without:

It has to be my phone. I'm a bit of a social butterfly and love knowing what is going on in the world.

How do you like spend your spare time:

I enjoy camping and hiking, anything that involves been outdoors in the sunshine. My partner and I are looking forward to travelling around Australia one day! If I am not outdoors I'm at the gym or spending time with my family and friends.

The best place in the world that you have visited & why:

Japan. I spent 2 weeks there, 7 days skiing in Niseko the rest in Tokyo and it is just incredible, no words will be able to describe its beauty. I am dying to get back there and explore more parts of Japan and what it has to offer!



CUSTOMS DISBURSMENT FEE

Effective January 15, 2018 we began charging a disbursement fee of AUD 25.00 per disbursement invoice to offset the administrative and financial cost of outlaying funds to Australian Customs on our client's behalf.

This fee is charged when a disbursement value is higher than
AUD 1,000.00

If you would like to avoid this paying this fee we encourage our clients to consider the direct debit payment option with Australian Customs, this allows funds to be debited from your nominated account for payment of import customs duty, goods and services tax and other fees payable in respect of imported goods.

The disbursement fee will not be charged to customers signed up to direct debit.

If you wish to arrange direct debit payments please click on the link below for more information and for copies of the relevant Direct Debit Request (DDR) forms.

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EBay Drops PayPal For a New Payment Processing Partner



E-commerce giant eBay has revealed plans to sever ties with PayPal as its payments processing partner after reaching an agreement with Dutch startup Adyen, in a move that one online retail expert says will benefit Australian small businesses that sell through the platform.

In a statement released on Wednesday, eBay said it will not be renewing its current agreement with PayPal, which is set to expire in mid-2020. However, PayPal will still be offered as a payment option until 2023.

eBay claims the switch will benefit both sellers and buyers, with promises of lower payment processing fees for vendors, a streamlined shopping experience and a greater number of payment options at the checkout.

Minor changes to the payment interface will begin in the second half of this year for North American shoppers, with the majority of eBay marketplace customers expected to be transitioned to the new system by 2021.

As part of the platform's current arrangement with PayPal, eBay shoppers are redirected to a PayPal website in order to pay for goods online. The switch to Adyen defeats the need for a second webpage and eBay will act as an intermediary service between shopper and payment platform.

"In a rapidly changing and competitive e-commerce landscape, shoppers expect to be able to both shop and checkout on the site on which they transact," eBay said in a statement.

PayPal was spun off from eBay 2015 but continued as eBay's primary processing partner. PayPal's stock price has decreased significantly since the announcement was made, whereas Reuters reports eBay shares have reached an all-time high.

Adyen is currently the choice for payment processing by Uber, Netflix, Etsy and Spotify. The privately held company was founded in 2006 and was predicted to be worth around \$US2.3 billion (\$2.86 billion) in 2015, according to the *Wall Street Journal*.

Changes to payments commencing mid-2018

Over the transition period, businesses should expect to see sales information and analytics in a streamlined dashboard on eBay's website.

During the transition from PayPal to Adyen, businesses and vendors will not need to change their accounts, however, they will be required to provide additional data in order to enable payments on their account.

Paul Greenberg, founder of the National Online Retailers Association, believes this is a good step for small business vendors on eBay. He says "eBay is giving its customers and stakeholders a fresh choice and experience, with Adyen, who without doubt are one of the bright lights on the payment scene and the rise in eBay shares reflected that excitement, for the PayPal team, probably disappointing news, but PayPal's share price has had a stellar run since 2015, reflecting the fact that it is an independent and dynamic payment innovator ... expect them to come back stronger with new products, plans and partners."



Source: Start Up Smart

Adyen are already working with Netflix, Etsy, Uber, Spotify and Easyjet.

Want to learn more about Adyen ?

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