

## Customer Information – Update on Winter Surcharge

As per our ice report dated 05. March 2010, the hindrances for maritime traffics due to ice and snow situation in the Baltic Sea are currently very evident.

Especially, the Swedish east coast suffers from ice layers with thicknesses up to 30 cm. Northeasterly winds still supported the build-up of hummocks up to 6 m high. Consequently, vessel traffic towards the port of Gävle has partly been ceased due to security reasons. A large number of vessels got stuck in the ice waiting for ice breaker assistance.

Those circumstances have an evident influence on our cost structure putting increased expenses upon Team Lines due to longer transit times and evidently higher bunker consumptions while trying to offer reliable schedules.

Therefore, we see ourselves forced to introduce, besides the winter surcharges which are already applicable for traffics to/from Russia, Finland, Estonia and Latvia, an emergency surcharge also for containers moving through the ports of:

**the east coast of Sweden respectively Stockholm, Gävle, Norrköping and Åhus at**

**EUR 25 / TEU starting as from**

**Monday, 15. March 2010**

This emergency surcharge will at least help to compensate parts of the additional costs which have been arising during the last weeks.

We hope for your kind understanding for us taking this step as a measure to smoothen the negative cost impacts on our company.

For further questions please do not hesitate to contact your respective local contacts.

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