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Service Announcement - 11 June 2021

Southeast Asia / China Sea Freight Update

In consultation with our shipping partners, we have learned today that a number of shipping lines have made the decision not to accept any further sea freight bookings for the remainder of June. This will result in a reduction of available space throughout the market. Bookings and space availability will resume from July.

The shipping lines servicing NZ have been restricted due to a large build-up of rolled bookings at most ports across Asia. This blocked freight volume, combined with disrupted vessel schedules through port omissions and delays, is causing a significant backlog in containers moving through the system, and has seen cancellations of bookings becoming a reality with some providers across most Asian ports.

It is hoped this initiative will act as a reset, and provide relief for both space and transhipping cargo in the medium term, and return container supply in the region back to acceptable levels.

We foresee that the flow-on effects may impact August and September booked shipments.

The Mainfreight teams in Asia and New Zealand are working closely with our shipping line partners to provide solutions where possible. We will, as we have done in the past, keep you well informed of developments as the weeks progress.

We are also adding increased airfreight capacity with our airline partners to help provide solutions to keep supply chains fulfilled.

reach out to your local Mainfreight team.

Around the 26 countries that make up the Mainfreight world, our Air & Ocean teams are working closely with our local Transport teams, and are finding solutions to either circumvent congestion trouble spots, or mitigate potential issues through earlier planning.

