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Freight Increase - Short Report

Sunset has been in negotiations with its International and Domestic Shippers for the past two weeks.

Results are very discouraging.

Ocean Rates are expected to increase approximately \$300.00 per container. (20% China to US West Coast.)

US Rail increase of up to 30% expected in June.

Most US Trucking companies are already charging 19-30% “fuel” surcharge.

Due to the high US Rail and Trucking Transport costs Importers are booking all available ocean carriers to regional Ports in US to avoid high costs of redistribution.

The results? Lack of Ocean Carrier Cargo Space which is mostly “Pre Booked” by Wal-Mart, Costco, Target etc”

Don't think it affects you? Don't buy “Import items anyway”?

Check your local super Market. 27- 40% of Vegetables, Fruit, and Ingredients etc. of US Food Supply is Imported. (And that is based on last data from U.S.D.A 2005.)

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