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**USDA establishes new rate formulas for Food Safety and Inspection Service** (from the NCBFAA Monday Morning Briefing 4/18)

The United States Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service is changing its charge structure. These changes will affect meat and poultry inspection fees. For more info on the rate changes taking effect May 22, 2011, please go to

<http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Frame/FrameRedirect.asp?main=http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OPPDE/rdad/FRPubs/2006-0025F.htm>

**C PORT Solutions offers internet meeting capability**

C PORT Solutions offers an internet collaboration platform which enables face to face meetings between employees, clients, and prospects in multiple locations anywhere in the world that has internet. Georgia-based C PORT Solutions has developed the world's first and only mobile collaboration system that brings together HD video, HD audio conferencing, web conferencing and interactive white board technologies. The C PORT mobile platforms roll anywhere in the office and are enabled by an intuitive interface which greatly simplifies the user experience with these technologies. The equipment required is affordable, yet high performance. For more information, contact Hernando Montana at 770-757-4177 or go to their website at

[www.cportsolutions.com](http://www.cportsolutions.com)

**2010 liner profits nearly wipe out 2009 losses** (From American Shipper)

The world's top 25 container lines pocketed nearly \$14 billion in profits in 2010, according to estimates from the maritime consultancy *Alphaliner*. The estimates include earnings from the six lines among the top 25 that don't publicly report their profits, including Mediterranean Shipping Co. and Hamburg Süd. "A number of carriers (chalked) up record gains, which almost fully made up for the aggregate operating loss of \$15 billion suffered by carriers in 2009," *Alphaliner* said. "However, the turnaround is expected

to be short-lived as operating margins have crashed in the first quarter of 2011 - especially on the Asia/Europe trade. A lack of discipline in regard to capacity management has prompted freight rates to decline across all main trades since the third quarter of last year, as all main carriers increased capacity in order to defend or even expand their market share.” Please note the next article on capacity and rates.

[http://www.americanshipper.com/NewWeb/news\\_page\\_SNW2.asp?news=189429](http://www.americanshipper.com/NewWeb/news_page_SNW2.asp?news=189429)

**Alphaliner: New deliveries pinch rates** (From American Shipper)

Record deliveries of new containerships in the next few months "is expected to add further downward pressure on freight rates and reverse the rise in charter rates," *Alphaliner* said. The shipping information service said April will see 32 ships with a record 226,500 TEUs capacity delivered and another 41 ships with 204,000 TEUs capacity in May. Total deliveries in 2011 are expected to reach 1.35 million TEUs, and *Alphaliner* said "the demand/supply balance is gradually moving against the ship owners' favor." For more information, please go to

[http://www.americanshipper.com/NewWeb/news\\_page\\_SNW2.asp?news=190271](http://www.americanshipper.com/NewWeb/news_page_SNW2.asp?news=190271)

**CMA CGM to raise transpacific rates** (From American Shipper)

In contrast to the above article, CMA CGM said Monday it will seek to raise rates on a host of trades, including the eastbound transpacific, beginning May 1. The rate increases are:

- From Asia and the Indian Subcontinent to the west coast of North America, \$400 per dry 40-foot container.
- From Asia and the Indian Subcontinent to the United States and Canada inland point intermodal via West or East coasts ports, \$600 per dry 40-foot container.

For more information, please go to

[http://www.americanshipper.com/NewWeb/news\\_page\\_SNW2.asp?news=189444](http://www.americanshipper.com/NewWeb/news_page_SNW2.asp?news=189444)

**The following 3 articles reinforce the notion that the economy is in a recovery mode given that transportation is a leading indicator.**

**Baltimore touts container record** (From American Shipper)

Port of Baltimore's public marine terminals set a record by handling 632,482 TEUs from April 2010 through March 2011, the best 12-month period for TEUs in the port's history. For more info, go to

[http://www.americanshipper.com/NewWeb/news\\_page\\_SNW2.asp?news=189977](http://www.americanshipper.com/NewWeb/news_page_SNW2.asp?news=189977)

**Charleston container volumes increase** (From American Shipper)

The Port of Charleston's March container volume was 120,265 TEUs, 5.7 percent ahead of March 2010. For more info, go to

[http://www.americanshipper.com/NewWeb/news\\_page\\_SNW2.asp?news=189980](http://www.americanshipper.com/NewWeb/news_page_SNW2.asp?news=189980)

**Maersk orders ten 18,000 TEU vessels** (From The Journal of Commerce)

Maersk is bringing a huge new scale of operations with its 18,000-TEU vessels and will send new economies of scale across supply chains in Europe and Asia, the only two trade lanes with ports big enough to accommodate them. The ships are called Triple-E because of their environmental performance, energy efficiency and economies of scale, all of which Maersk sees as growing more important in coming years. For more info, go to

<http://www.joc.com/maritime/maersk-reported-sign-2-billion-order-18000-teu-ships>

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