

“Opportunity and risk come in pairs”

— Bangambiki Habyarimana, The Great Pearl of Wisdom

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Chinese New Year for 2017



2017 Chinese New Year is on **January 28, 2017** at China's time zone. This day is the first new moon day of the first Chinese lunar month in the Chinese Lunar Calendar system. The exact new moon time is at 08:07 a.m. on January 28, 2017 in China standard time zone, GMT+8.

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2017 is the Chinese 4714th Year. Chinese calendar also uses a cycle of 60 Stem-Branch counting system. Since $(60 * 78) + 34 = 4714$, 2017 is the 34th Stem-Branch in the cycle. Female Fire Chicken is the nickname of 34th Stem-Branch. Therefore, 2017 is the year of Fire Chicken. Because Red is connected to Fire, 2017 is also called **Red Chicken Year**.

Chinese customs at major ports like Shenzhen & Shanghai is pretty much operational throughout the holiday except for 2-3 days when they are away. However, they are under-staffed & that combined with the congestion at the port leads to delays. Small “feeder ports” are often closed as per “government regulations” for around 7 days..

Most of the forwarding & QC companies are “technically” closed for 1 week as per the government regulations, however many are closed for 2 weeks. The companies closed for 1 week, are in most-cases “officially open” but operating at less than full capacity as employees often ask for a longer holiday during this time.

While the above companies being service based tend to have a much shorter holiday than the factory workers, their operations are also severely hindered due to the increased volume of shipments combined with the reduced availability of labour & truck drivers.

The biggest challenge during this time is the availability of trucks/lorries or more precisely “truck drivers”, which leads to significantly increased trucking costs & longer waiting times.



Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR)

New Sea Freight Packing Declarations:

DAWR has introduced new Packing Declaration for FCL/FCX and LCL cargo. Whilst there has been minimal change to the existing document, it is important for importers to re-establish their Standard Operating Procedures and incorporate this new document into any company Quality Assurance policies and processes.



DAWR accepted the old Format through to 2017—but now require the new Packing Declaration format

CNI has been introducing the new format to all CNI overseas partners and will continue to assist importers accordingly

Please contact our Customs/DAWR section for any assistance.

ILLEGAL LOGGING update....



Don't forget, the Australian Government has passed the Illegal Logging Prohibition Act 2012 which criminalises the importation into Australia of illegally logged timber **and any product** made from illegally logged timber as well as the processing of domestic raw logs which have been illegally logged.

This includes any product made from timber products eg: Books, furniture, ornaments, etc

Importers/Exporters are required to conduct due diligence on their suppliers in accordance with the Regulations or face penalty actions.

Post Importation Audits will be conducted by the Department to ensure due diligence processes are in place.



CNI Projects

CNI projects division coordinated the first ever importation of Agricultural Citrus Harvesters.

The project consisted of large break bulk mixed with containerised spare parts and accessories and will be put to use in North Central NSW.

Project Manager, Ms Melissa McDonald, spent countless hours ensuring shipping ; Border Force, and Agriculture processes were all in place as in any mis-calculation or omission can be extremely costly on arrival to Australian ports.

Many Freight Agents advertise as Project specialists—Cargo Network delivers—”on time’ and “on budget”.



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When was the last time you had a check up—(for the business operations)?

Cargo Network has qualified staff that will provide a comprehensive Customs (ABF) and Quarantine (DAWR) Audit/Review.

This can be in the form of a complete Audit/Review process or a simply to review a specific product and/or procedure.

Take advantage of a complimentary “free” visit to discuss the nature of the issue and CNI

Consulting Division will provide a brief report with projected costing—And time lines.

On a “No Obligation To Proceed” basis.

What's it cost you?

Nothing in the first instance, but what could it cost you, not to consider the possibilities.



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