

A sudden increase in Australian bound cargo post Chinese new Year has seen a rate increase imposed by China Eastern Airlines(MU) effective for all flights departing on or after Monday 6th March 2006. Unfortunately we have no alternative but to pass this increase of USD .25 per kilo to our clients.

As a preferred forwarder we have guaranteed space allocation on each MU flight though at peak cargo times demand can often outweigh space availability. As we have seen over the past weeks this may result in potentially offloaded cargo, cargo delays and paradoxically, along with this drop in service times, a corresponding upward price movement. At present China Eastern and Qantas are the only carriers offering a direct service to Sydney with the majority being passenger services. A weekly Qantas freighter service is available ex Sha each Wednesday, though the one off cancellation of this service 2 weeks prior may have added to current cargo space pressure.

We remain in constant contact with carriers to ensure we are utilising all possible options. We continue to seek other carriers offering both competitive rates and great service on your behalf. Any outcome we can seek will be monitored and advised accordingly.

If you have any queries on this matter please contact our office immediately.

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