

6th March 2018

RE: Stevedore direct de-hires

Dear Customer,

Over the last few months shipping lines have increased the volume of empty containers being de-hired directly to the stevedores rather than through an empty container park (ECP).

This change has had a significant effect on our transport operations. Additional costs are now incurred through the following:

- Slot availability is much more difficult than ECP's.
- As a result containers then need to travel via Chalmers yard to be stored whilst waiting for a slot.
- Truck Turnaround time at the stevedores is longer than ECP's.
- Stevedores may charge no shows and penalties for missed or late de-hires. ECP's do not charge such fees.

As a result of these additional costs Chalmers will introduce a direct de-hire fee of \$95.00+Fuel+GST that will apply to all containers de-hired at a Stevedore from 1st April 2018. Chalmers will accept no responsibility for container detention as a result of slots not being available at the stevedores for de-hire.

We would recommend to all our customers to contact your shipping lines to request your empty containers be returned to an ECP to avoid these additional costs.

Best Regards,



Ben Overman
State Manager – Victoria