



# Information Bulletin

## Shipping Line Transit Times

GKN Freight Services have noted several occasions when shipping lines have extended transit times by up to 7 days compared to published itineraries. Transit times are calculated on variables such as port rotation, canal passage and steaming speed.

It is becoming apparent that some shipping lines are attempting to reduce fuel consumption by slow steaming or avoiding the cost of laying up vessels by using longer routings. In addition, vessels are not seeking to make up lost time when delays to schedules occur. Whilst GKN Freight Services ensures all cargo is tracked and delays notified, shipping lines accept no legal responsibility for failure to adhere to schedule.

GKN Freight Services will be closely monitoring the performance of individual lines and will inform customers when we believe it is necessary to switch carriers to maintain planned transit times. In the meantime if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us for further information.

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