

# AW NEWSLETTER

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## Ocean Freight to increase again



**U.S. Eastbound and Westbound ocean freight charges to increase yet again**

Ocean freight charges have increased at least once this year and as we have been advised are to increase yet again.

Some steamship lines consider this increase necessary due to the rising fuel costs, other lines find it necessary to increase as their services are overloaded and freight will be booked regardless.

Please be advised that we have been advised of the following increases and that these are by far all the increases to be expected as steamship lines do not need to file/report earlier than 30 days prior to such

an increase.

May 1, 2005

Panama Canal Surcharge of

\$ 65.00 per 20'

\$ 130.00 per 40'

\$ 100.00 per 20' GRI on Maersk

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May 15, 2005 increases

\$ 100.00 per 20' from Los Angeles to South Africa

\$ 200.00 per 40' from Los Angeles to South Africa

\$ 304.00 per TEU from USEC and Gulf to Baltic

\$ 456.00 per TEU from USWC to Baltic

As has been advised by several steamship line, further increases are to be expected throughout the summer.

In conjunction with this, please also note that the free time in the port of New York has been cut from 5 working days to 4 working days.

We will keep you informed as we receive further information.

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We would like to thank our customers for entrusting their relocations to AW Transportation. We hope you will find this Newsletter helpful

Please note that in observance of Memorial Day, our office will be closed on May 30th, 2005

## VACIS



Further to last months information on the inspection

system in place at U.S. ports we have received a lot of inquiries on these. As it currently stands about 90% of the HHG shipments entering the U.S. are being VACIS examined, Charges for this inspection depend on the port of entry and range from \$ 100 in Boston to \$ 400 in New York.

Current rates:

\$ 100 to \$ 200 in Detroit, Houston, Long Beach, Oakland, Seattle, Boston,

\$ 200 to \$ 300 in Baltimore, Miami, Norfolk, Charleston, Atlanta

\$ 300 to \$ 400 in New York

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## MAY 2005

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**U.S. holidays and port closures will be noted as such**



On May 30th the United States celebrates the annual Memorial Day.

While this sparks the opening of the public pool season and has become known as such to most youngsters and school children, the real meaning of this national holiday can be found in the next article.

On this day all public offices, such as US Customs and Border Protection, as well as the Post Office and all port facilities are closed in observance of this holiday. Please make a note of this.

## Memorial Day

**Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service.** There are many stories as to its actual beginnings, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day.

It is more likely that it had many separate beginnings; each of those towns and every planned or spontaneous gathering of people to honor the war dead in the 1860's

tapped into the general human need to honor our dead, each contributed honorably to the growing movement that culminated in Gen Logan giving his official proclamation in 1868.

It is not important who was the very first, what is important is that Memorial Day was established. Memorial Day is not about division. It is about reconciliation; it is about coming together to honor those who gave their all.

(from [usmemorialday.org](http://usmemorialday.org))