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Good Afternoon,

As of July 6 2009, the Ports of Auckland changed the way in which they calculate demurrage. From July 6, Sunday's are now counted as working days where previously they hadn't been.

The table below illustrates how demurrage is now calculated –

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
Vessel	Free	Free	Free	0600						
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Vessel = Day that vessel completes discharge

0600 = Demurrage starts at 0600 that day

Therefore if a vessel completes discharge on a Monday, demurrage charges will begin at 0600 on Friday morning. This remains the same as it has done in the past as it does not involve the weekend.

The difficulty with this new system arises where vessels are discharging later in the week, i.e. Thursday or Friday. As you can see from the above table, vessels that discharge on either Thursdays or Fridays only allow us one day to complete delivery if the customer is not open over the weekend, otherwise demurrage will be incurred (\$75 a day per 20' and \$150 a day per 40').

Obviously this new system places great strain on our resources. As always access for after hours and weekend deliveries is greatly appreciated. This provides us with a much needed and appreciated larger delivery window.

It is important to note that Mainfreight Port Operations are able to offer container storage facilities and that we work during the weekend. Therefore if desired by you (or your customers), Mainfreight can uplift containers over the weekend and store them until delivery is requested the following week. If you wish to discuss this option please let the team at Mainfreight Port Operations know.

Regards,
 Matt Wallis
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