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FEATURE STORY – Globelink Tianjin



Outstanding Customs Declaration Service Agent

Globelink China – Tianjin branch office has been honored as being an Outstanding Customs Declaration Service Agent in 2012 by the China Customs Broker Association.

With this recognition, customers can be assured of efficient and quality service when moving shipments with Globelink.

Globelink has offices covering all major coastal gateways in China and inland presence at key locations. Possessing a Class "A" Forwarding & NVOCC license, Globelink China proves its capabilities in providing a full range of services to its network of agents and customers.

SERVICE INTRODUCTION – New Services



LCL Services ex Buenos Aires via Barcelona to all destinations

Globelink Spain has launched a new service from Buenos Aires, Argentina to all destinations via Barcelona. First vessel sailing has departed Buenos Aires on 6 December 2012.



From Buenos Aires

- ❖ Barcelona, Spain – Weekly

For any enquiries or nominations from Buenos Aires, please contact Globelink Spain at Tel: + 34 93 2687575 or a local Globelink office.

Headquartered in Barcelona, Globelink Uniexco Spain has branch offices located at Valencia, Madrid and Bilbao.

NOTICES – Globelink Offices

Customs Regulation on Import Cargoes into Korea

In order that the Korea Customs Service (KCS) can identify the nature of goods correctly, all goods description on documents has to be in a specific and precise manner as used in trade deals.

Instructions on Goods Description

In the column under “Goods Description”, it should not be filled with meaningless numbers, marks or general terms such as:

- Meaningless numbers and marks, example: 0, 1, 11, A, AB, %, \$, #, @, etc.
- General terms, example: PARTS, SAMPLE, ACCESSORY, etc.

Instructions on Goods Description	Penalty Examples
Commodity description is to be in English only	0, 1, 11, 123, A, B, AAA, ACC, etc.
Special Characters are forbidden	!, @, #, \$, %, &, *, ?, ^, etc.
Specific commodity description required. Example: Oil Well Equipment (brand name forbidden)	Sample, Equipments, Parts, Accessories, Goods, Gift, Products, etc.
Brand names are forbidden	NIKE, ADIDAS, etc.

Please note that if the commodity description is not clear, a penalty will be incurred.

NOTICES – Globelink Network Partners

Ban on Refrigeration Equipment into Ghana

The Government of Ghana will impose a blanket ban on the importation of used refrigeration equipment such as used refrigerators, used refrigerator-freezers, used freezers and used refrigeration compressors (motors) effective 1 January 2013.

This move shows Ghana's commitment to achieve the "phase-out" targets in line with the Montreal Protocol, under which the consumption and production of substances that deplete the ozone layer would be banned by 2013.

At such, please note that no bookings for the above-mentioned products will be accepted into the Port of Tema or any other destinations in Ghana. This will also include any of the above products which are packed together with personal effects and house-hold items.

Re-location Notice: Thrutainers International, Cape Town

Effective 26 November 2012, Thrutainers International – Cape Town office has relocated to a new premise. All telephone, fax and email addresses remain unchanged. Please update all records accordingly.

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INDUSTRY NEWS

European box imports shrink in 2012, but the worst could be yet to come

European container imports, including to both North Europe and the Mediterranean, are expected to fall 3.9 per cent for the full year 2012, according to the latest Global Port Tracker (GPT) – North Europe edition.

The report, which is a joint initiative of Hackett Associates and the Bremen Institute of Shipping Economic and Logistics also states that total containerized trade to and from Europe will grow by just 0.2 per cent to 40 million TEU.

This would of course imply that exports have been relatively healthy, but it is the import sector that has been the traditional money spinner for the shipping industry.

According to projections made in the report, the worst is yet to come with a 9.3 per cent contraction in total containerized traffic forecast for the coming six months.

Imports will see a fall of 11.9 per cent, while exports will likely contract 4.7 per cent year on year, the report said.

Looking at the import numbers for the two regions of Europe—North Europe and the Mediterranean and Black Sea—we find that it is the latter that is forecast to bear the brunt of the decline going forward.

In fact North Europe import volumes are expected to be essentially flat, dipping 0.3 per cent over the coming six months. While this is not exactly positive news, it is a far better figure than the 9.9 per cent decline projected on the Mediterranean and Black Sea.

This is undoubtedly due to the fact that the ongoing Euro crisis is most pronounced in the Mediterranean economies.

"This continued weakness in European economies confirms that the recession is here and will continue to impact trade flows over the coming six months," said the president of Hackett Associates Ben Hackett in the report.

Asia-Europe Rates from May 4 to November 30, 2012

SCFI Weekly Index: Asia-Europe trade	US\$ / TEU
Nov 30, 2012	1,028
Nov 23, 2012	1,079
Nov 16, 2012	1,225
Nov 09, 2012	1,383
Nov 02, 2012	1,491
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Oct 19, 2012	1,074
Sep 07, 2012	1,284
Aug 03, 2012	1,710
July 06, 2012	1,828
June 01, 2012	1,666
May 04, 2012	1,934

Source: Shanghai Containerised Freight Index (SCFI)

OTHERS

World Holidays in December 2012



Australia

25 Dec Christmas Day
26 Dec Boxing Day

Costa Rica

25 Dec Christmas Day

Croatia

25 Dec Christmas Day
26 Dec Second Day of Christmas

Guatemala

25 Dec Christmas Day

Hong Kong

25 Dec Christmas Day
26 Dec Boxing Day

India

25 Dec Christmas Day
26 Dec Boxing Day

Indonesia

25 Dec Christmas Day
26 Dec Boxing Day

Korea

25 Dec Christmas Day

Malaysia

25 Dec Christmas Day

Pakistan

25 Dec Quaid-e-Azam's Birthday

Portugal

25 Dec Christmas Day

Romania

25 Dec Christmas Day

Singapore

25 Dec Christmas Day

Slovenia

25 Dec Christmas Day
26 Dec Independence and Unity Day

Spain

25 Dec Christmas Day
26 Dec Day after Christmas

Sri Lanka

25 Dec Christmas Day
27 Dec Unduwap Full Moon Poya Day

Thailand

05 Dec HM The King's Birthday
10 Dec Constitution Day
31 Dec New Year's Eve

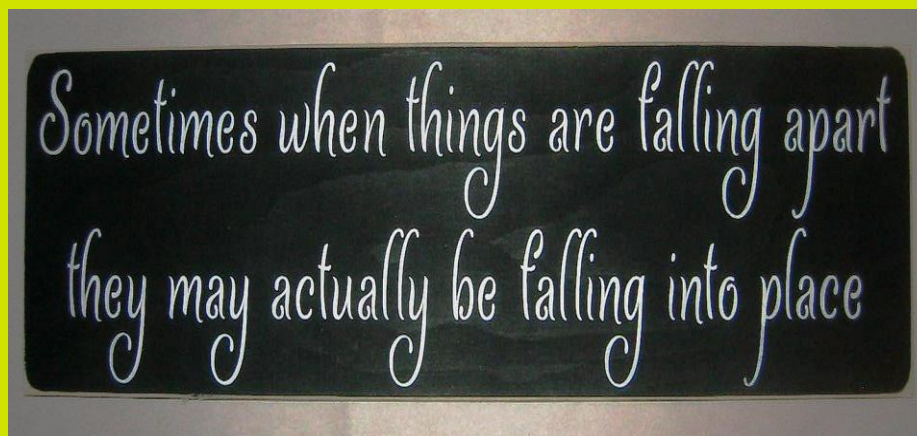
UAE

02 Dec UAE National Day

UK

25 Dec Christmas Day
26 Dec Boxing Day

INSPIRING QUOTE



CWT Globelink started in 1988 in Singapore. It has now expanded to more than 100 offices in 27 countries, providing comprehensive and high quality consolidation services to our valued customers.

CWT Globelink's presence includes Australia, Bulgaria, China, Costa Rica, Croatia, Egypt, Guatemala, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Kuwait, Malaysia, Morocco, Pakistan, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Singapore, Slovenia, South Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom and Vietnam.

Together with key members of its agency network, Globelink formed the Global Consolidator Alliance (GCA) to provide comprehensive and seamless global coverage to its valued customers.

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