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### Container Shortages—Airfreight space shortages

#### CONTAINER SHORTAGES

Shipping lines are experiencing shortages of empty containers as world trade volumes begin to rise. Containers also have a limited working life. Particularly affected are the two most commonly used containers - the standard 20' dry container and the 40' High Cube.

This is a problem for all shippers and importers throughout the world, which can only be managed by careful advanced planning of traffic flows. Clients for whom Safcor Panalpina handles seafreight forwarding are again urged to give us early notice of proposed cargo movements.

Clients can help by unpacking and returning empties to nominated depots as soon as possible. Lines are expected to become more aggressive in applying penalty and demurrage charges for late turn-ins of empties.

#### AIRFREIGHT SPACE SHORTAGES : FAR EAST

Available cargo capacity from Asian airports to South Africa remains under severe pressure. The availability of cargo space at most airports is critical. Backlogs are being felt at Hong Kong (2 days) and Shanghai (4 to 5 days). Airlines are giving preference to cargoes paying premium rates and traffic from Taiwan is only being accepted at express (premium) rates.

No short term improvement in the availability of space or any lessening of demand is expected. The key for clients remains the pre-planning and early pre-booking of cargo space.

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