

THE TRANSPORT ADVISOR



ARE YOU MOVING?

It's estimated that about 40 million U.S. domestic and international household moves will occur in 2017. In addition to the stress of finding a home or apartment, the right schools and a local community that suits your lifestyle, the most important issue you'll decide upon, is the mover you'll choose to help in the relocation. Having moved internationally on 3 separate occasions, I can attest that it is especially important to find a company that can handle the additional paper work associated with customs and excise clearance and differing load limits just to name a few obstacles. The last thing you'll want to deal with is a fly-by-night operator or a newbie organization to help with the packing of your valuables and the care of your personal effects and memories.

DO YOUR PREP WORK

In an effort to cut down on complaints and help people prepare for their anticipated moves, the Department of Transportation, the Surface Transportation Board, The Federal Maritime Commission and state and local authorities are initiating an awareness campaign to educate people to the dos and don'ts of moving. The FMC provides the following checklist:

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FYI – HELPFUL HINTS

Dunnage: The term in shipping is used to describe the practice of securing cargo from moving and shifting during shipment. Traditionally this was done with the use of wood bracing but now also includes the use of airbags and other less expensive solutions.

The Merriam Webster Dictionary also provides etymologists don't know the exact origin of *dunnage*. Some have pointed out the similarity of the word to *dünne twige*, a Low German term meaning "**brushwood**," but no one has ever proven the two are related. Others have speculated that it derives from *Dunlop*, the name of a famous cheese-making town in Scotland; however, neither the town nor the cheese has any connection to *dunnage*. Truth be told, though *dunnage* has been with us since the 15th century, its etymological history remains a mystery.



SPOT MARKET TRENDS

The current spot market shows that there continues to be a large fluctuation both in equipment and trade moves.

In 40' equipment the low rate this month came in at New Jersey to Santos, Brazil with the base ocean freight coming in at \$89.00. Conversely the high was for a move from New York to Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates at a base ocean freight rate of \$13602.00. The median rate in 40's came in at \$2911.00.

In 20' equipment the low rate was \$108.00 also from New Jersey to Santos, Brazil. The High rate was set at \$37500.00 and moved between Galveston, Texas to Callao, Peru. The median rate in 20's came in at \$2293.

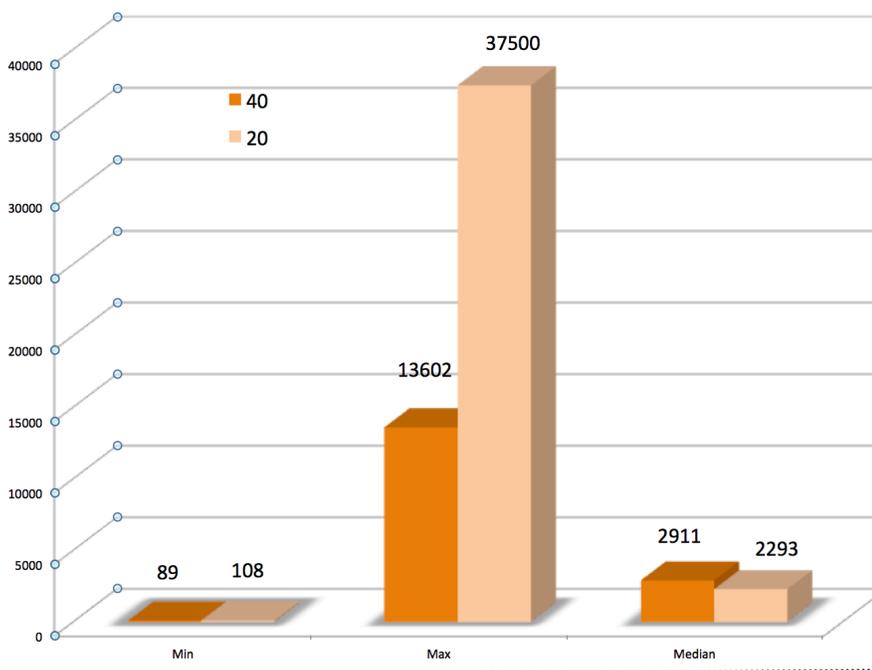
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International Moving Checklist:

- Make a list of all items that you intend to ship.
- Consult FMC's consumer resource search webpage to locate FMC licensed movers.
- Check with the Commission's Office of Consumer Affairs and Dispute Resolution Services (CADRS) as well as state consumer protection agencies or the Better Business Bureau to confirm that the mover does not have a history of unresolved complaints.
- Obtain written quotes based on an on-site inspection.
- Read and understand your mover's terms and conditions of service.
- Obtain additional insurance if necessary.
- Ask your mover to make a list of all items packed and number each box packed.
- Obtain a receipt from the company that picks up your goods.
- Check your voicemail/email daily for updates on move status.
- Check your goods as soon as they are delivered to make sure that no boxes are missing or damaged. Immediately report any missing or damaged items to your mover. Photograph any damaged goods.

Whether it is a short or long distance, domestic or international, you will do yourself a kindness by researching your movers. You can refer to the FMC website (http://www.fmc.gov/resources/household_goods_shipper_resources.aspx) as well as your local Better Business Bureau.



INTERESTING BOTE FACTS



Last month we filed more than 8500 items combining both service contracts and tariff items.

We use the currency conversion rates derived from XE.com and track more than 85 currencies in our system. They are updated daily.

Over the next month or so, we will be posting activities on various social media platforms in order to let our customers know and keep up to date with activities within Global Maritime and the Bote Suite of Products.

Joe De Braga and Brenda Johnston will be attending the TPM so feel free to seek them out and talk to them if you have issues, concerns or questions.

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