

THE TRANSPORT ADVISOR



FMC realigning fees with costs

The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) is amending its user fees to more accurately align fees with the costs associated with each service it provides.

Specifically, the FMC is increasing fees for:

Filing complaints and certain petitions; record searches; document copying; admissions to practice; paper filing of ocean transportation intermediary (OTI) applications; filing applications for special permission; and filing agreements.

The Commission is lowering fees for:

Reviewing Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests; revising clerical errors on service contracts; revising clerical errors on non-vessel-operating common carrier (NVOCC) service arrangements; and Commission services to passenger vessel operators (PVOs). *Continued on Page 2*



SPOT MARKET TRENDS

Our **Rate Charts on Page 2** offers a snap shot of trends within the various markets extracted as filed rates from our system.

Chart 1 Offers a glimpse of the South America to North America 40' bottom line rates. The high point this year was Feb 19 and the low point is October 17 and shows a drop of \$201.

Chart 2 Depicts the W/M trade of North America to Europe, which shows a high of \$169 on July 11 to a low of \$93 on Sept 8.

Chart 3 demonstrates the bottom line rate trend in the Europe to North America trade on 40' equipment. The chart shows the high point in the trade to be March 24 and the low point to be just last week. The difference represents a \$616 drop in rates over the last six months. These rates represent bottom line, which includes base ocean freight and surcharges applicable.

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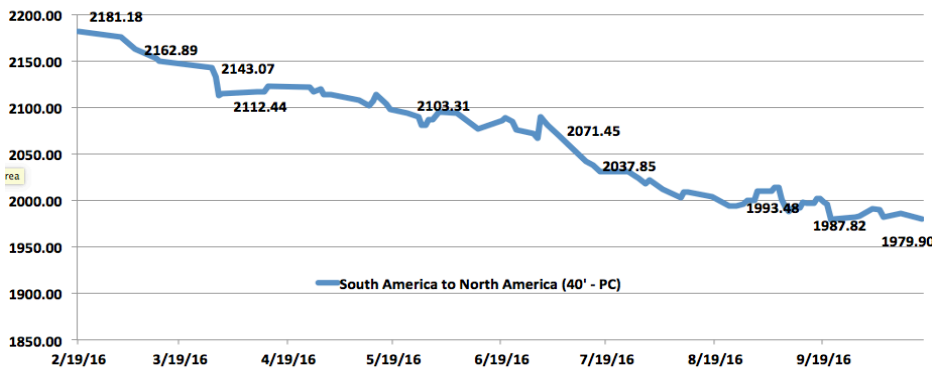
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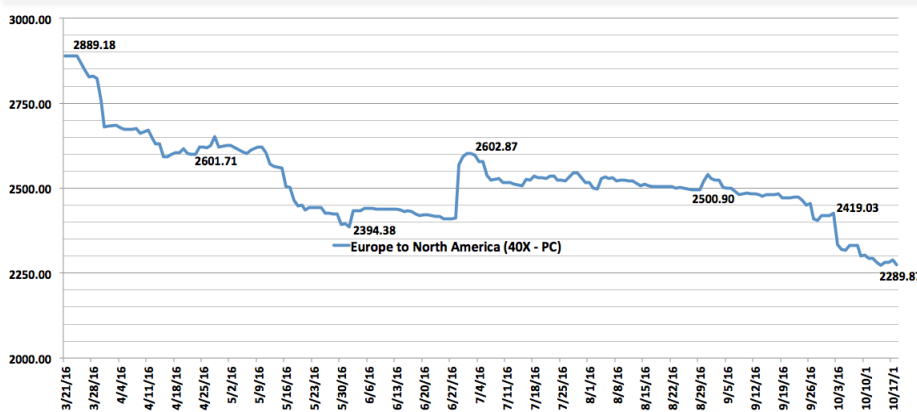
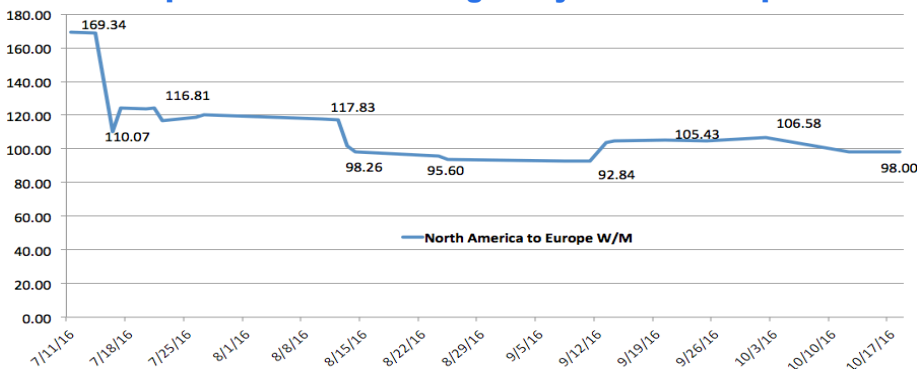
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SA - NA 40' total rates 02/19 high point to 10/17 low point

NA to Europe W/M total rates high July 11 to low Sept 8



EU to NA 40' total rate 03/24 high point to 10/17 low point.

Fees - continued

In addition, the FMC is repealing four existing fees for:

- Adding interested parties to a specific docket mailing list: the Regulated Persons Index database;
- Database reports on Effective Carrier Agreements;
- Filing petitions for rulemaking; and,
- Adding a new fee for requests for expedited review of an agreement filing.

These changes took effect on October 1.

For a list of the fees and schedule please refer to the links provided at the bottom of the Newsletter or go to: <http://www.fmc.gov/resources/fees.aspx>

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