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Qantas Freight said on October 9 it made substantial progress over the weekend clearing a huge backlog of freight from its Australian airport facilities, a problem created when a transition to a new IT system didn't go smoothly. However, it estimated that normal operations won't be fully restored at all locations until October 21.

The cargo division of Qantas Airways said in a customer notice that it was able in recent days to deliver a large number of single, shipper-loaded containers that don't require breakdown and sorting. Shared unit load devices, which contain contents from multiple shippers, are taking longer to process.

The company said it was on track to clear the pile of inbound containers in Brisbane by October 11. Volumes at the Melbourne and Sydney airports are considerably higher and will take until late next week to clear.

Read more in an [article from American Shipper](#).

Ocean Updates

Shipping Clearly Divided Over EC Decision to Scrap CBER

The shipping industry is divided on the October 10 announcement by the EC that it will not renew the Consortia Block Exemption Rule (CBER) for liners.

John Butler, president & CEO of liner lobby group the World Shipping Council, said: "We disagree with the logic behind the decision to discontinue the CBER. The shift to general EU antitrust rules will create a period of uncertainty as carriers adjust to the new legal structure."

The Federation of European Private Port Companies and Terminals (Feport) agreed. It said: "[Feport] was not in favour of a repeal as clear prohibitions of some behaviours in the framework ... were better for us than a legal void and no monitoring from the EU commission of the behaviour of the alliances.

"The bargaining power of the alliances towards customers and service providers has been tremendously also increased thanks to the benefits of the CBER."

However, Nicolette van der Jagt, director general of forwarder association Clecat welcomed the decision, and said: "We are pleased that the commission has listened. Freight forwarders have long resisted the granting of these extraordinary exemptions to shipping lines and have opposed a renewal of the block exemption...at previous reviews."

Read more in an [article from The Loadstar](#).

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New CARM Web Content Is Live

The CBSA has redesigned its CARM web content. See [CARM: The new way to assess and pay duties and taxes on imported commercial goods](#).