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Air Updates

IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations Key for Accredited Agents/Intermediaries

During an IATA/FIATA Consultative Council meeting, IATA announced that it has recently moved to a new and more efficient publishing platform for distributing e-DGR keys. This enhanced program now allows freight forwarders to borrow the books using the e-DGR keys instead of having to install the books on the computer.

The DGR manual is now available under a Bookshelf account set up with a specific user name/password, which can be shared with other staff members, although it is not possible to simultaneously log in with the same username on multiple devices at the same time.

FIATA has questioned whether this position could be revisited, as it would be beneficial for forwarders to be able to have several employees access at the same time, which would align with the DGR regulation requirement that two employees must possess a dangerous goods certificate. IATA has committed to follow up on this request.

Ocean Updates

Rail Freight Services at Port of Felixstowe Back to Half Strength After Derailment

The UK port of Felixstowe's rail throughput is back to 50% of normal after last week's train derailment, but delays in container movements could last until next week.

Felixstowe confirmed last Tuesday that a freight train operated by GB Railfreight derailed on the Trimley branch line, partially blocking intermodal services. The port, GBRf and Network Rail said they were working to return services "to normal as soon as possible."

As of yesterday, rail throughput at the UK's busiest box port is approximately 50% of pre-derailment levels.

According to sources, the South and Central rail terminals are working, but access to the North rail terminal remains blocked. Network Rail estimated the work would take one week, potentially allowing the terminal to fully reopen in week 27.

To help mitigate the impact, the port released additional booking slots for hauliers, which reportedly saw a good take-up.

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

International Business/Government

Overseas Shipping Problems Remain Largely Under Consumers' Radar

The challenges facing the world of trade have unfortunately become white noise. Seafarers have been taken hostage, some have lost their lives in vessel attacks and ships have sunk to the bottom of the ocean. Yet the threat to the freedom of navigation and the ramifications of these Red Sea attacks have become part of the doom-and-gloom background noise in the world of news. Consumers have no idea what's going on unless they read trade news. The waves of uncertainty and the hairballs of congestion as a result of the Red Sea diversions are growing. Egypt continues to lose millions and is embroiled in high inflation. What is happening now can add to geopolitical instability and eventually hit pocketbooks.

Only when the transitory inflation hits consumers between six and nine months from now will people raise an eyebrow – or if we see a 20K handle on container rates.

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