

2/2

Hong Kong Shipping Gazette FaxNews

Saturday, February 10, 1996

Transnave appoints Barwil

TRANSPORTEES Navieros Ecuatorianos (Transnave) has appointed Barwil in Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand and Indonesia as its agent effective February 19, 1996.

Transnave offers a liner service to Ecuador via Panama, and is extending its services to other WOSA countries such as Peru, Bolivia and Chile.

K Line upgrades European short-sea service

K LINE has added Felixstowe and Hamburg as direct ports of call on its intra-European short-sea service Ibesco.

Malcolm Keast, manager of short-sea services at K Line Europe, says the changes have been made in response to the introduction of K Line's new liner service between Europe and Asia.

Both loops of EuropAsia service call at Hamburg, while one loop makes weekly calls at Rotterdam and the other loops call at Antwerp. The old Ibesco schedule therefore had to be changed.

"The new Ibesco schedule opens up a whole range of extra possibilities in the trade between European countries," Mr Keast says.

For instance, transit time from Portugal to the UK has been cut from nine to three days, and K Line now offers direct services between the UK and Sweden/Germany and between Germany and Portugal. These are in addition to the current links between the UK, Holland and Portugal.

Penang posts 10 per cent increase in 1995 cargo traffic

PENANG Port Sdn Bhd (PPSB) has reported a 10.18 per cent rise in cargo throughput to 16.67 million tonnes for last year from 15.13 million tonnes in 1994.

Imports jumped by 15 per cent while exports were up marginally by three per cent, the port's cargo-handling results indicate.

PPSB manager for corporate communications Jenny Khoo said imports had grown at a higher rate of 15.68 per cent to 9.66 million tonnes in 1995 from 8.61 million tonnes during the period under review.

Exports grew marginally by 2.91 per cent to 6.71 million tonnes last year from 6.52 million tonnes in 1994, she said.

The port's overall handling of all types of cargo — break bulk, dry bulk, liquid bulk, petroleum products, and containerised — also increased, she added.

Container traffic grew at an impressive rate of 12.25 per cent to 433,474 TEUs in 1995 from 386,182 TEUs in 1994.

DCL moves 51 per cent of 1995 volume to Asia

NVOCC Direct Container Line (DCL) — the US' largest export groupage operator in its league — last year transported 51 per cent of its total volume to Asia, according to the company's TEU results for 1995 recently released by Michael Sinclair, executive vice-president.

DCL, which offers direct service to 62 worldwide destinations and has transshipment capabilities to another 216 cities, has own offices and field customer service representatives in every country in Asia.

Last year, DCL loaded 20,587 TEU groupage containers (FAK) — which is an 18 per cent increase over its 1994 volume.

Asia's more than 50 per cent share of this total went to the following destinations. Japan, with 2,697 TEUs; Singapore, 1,813; Hong Kong, 1,589; South Korea, 1,158; Taiwan, 882; Thailand, 864; Malaysia, 490; the Philippines, 489; China, 213; Indonesia, 162; and India, 124.

More services to Mongolia

US-based ConFlo Lines has expanded its services and operations in Mongolia, in conjunction with Mongoltrans.

ConFlo Lines has provided overland transportation to Mongolia since 1993 when an agency agreement with Mongoltrans was signed.

ConFlo Lines has significantly escalated its combined service for containers and breakbulk cargo to different locations within Mongolia, due to substantial orders placed by major mining and oilfield equipment manufacturers in the US.

Last December, Peter K. Schauer, president of Orion Marine Corporation, general agents for ConFlo Lines, a division of Orleans Shipping Ltd, visited Ulaan Baatar. During this visit, a joint venture agreement was signed by Mr Schauer and Mr Tserennorov, director-general of Mongoltrans, with the purpose of moving cargo across the Mongolian border by rail and road.

PKS