

## Operational Newsletter (various)

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Dear Valued Customer,

### **Australia customs officials on strike**

International passengers at Brisbane and Gold Cost airports have been warned to allow extra travel as customs officers walk off the job.

The officers are stopping work as part of ongoing action, which is scheduled to occur intermittently around Australia between June 15 and June 26. Walk-outs have already taken place at Sydney, Darwin and Perth international airports.

*Source: Travel & Meetings News, 24<sup>th</sup> June 2015*

### **Ecomobility Sandton**

Streets across Sandton will be closed off for the entire month of October while the City of Johannesburg hosts the world's second ever "EcoMobility World Festival and Exhibition" - a month-long car-free district event.

Maude Street, West Street, Rivonia Road, Fredman Drive, Alice Lane and Gwen Lane will be affected.

*Source: Harvey World Travel, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2015*

### **Saudi Arabia Airport Congestions**

Due to approaching holy month of Ramadan, there is huge increase in airfreight import into Saudi Arabia. This has resulted in heavy congestion at Riyadh, Jeddah and Dammam airports.

GHA staff are not able to trace and pull out shipments on time. Delivery order (DO) collection time has increased from one day to minimum four days and beyond. Missing pieces / shipments before and after DO collection is a common problem.

Our DB Schenker colleagues are trying to keep situation under control. Delays in most of the cases must be excepted.

*Source: FTW Online, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2015*

### **SA gives in on long-running US chicken imports dispute**

South Africa will end punitive duties on United States chicken and renew imports - initially 65 000 tonnes a year - said trade and industry minister, Dr Rob Davies, over the weekend.

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Reuters news agency cited US industry groups as saying that the removal of the import barriers opened a market that had been closed for the past 15 years.

The agreement, which will see the US emerge as one of the top poultry exporters to Africa's most advanced economy, should help smooth the passage of South Africa's inclusion in the African Growth and Opportunity Act (Agoa), which is currently under US Senate review.

*Source: FTW Online, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2015*