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P & O Ports to provide temporary service for conversion of paper ERA to electronic PRA

" We refer to the recent Industry initiative to replace the current paper ERA with the electronic PRA as the accepted medium to be used by Shippers to provide the Terminals and Lines with the details of their export shipments.

As you will be aware, there has been a transitional period of three months to allow Industry to convert from the paper ERA's to PRA's, however this period will conclude at the end of this month from which time P&O will no longer recognise at its four major terminals the paper ERA as the official medium on which Shippers can declare their export requirements.

Whilst the take up of PRA's has been encouraging over the past few weeks, P&O recognises that some Exporters have not yet been able to effect the transfer to PRA's.

Consequently P&O will continue to provide a restricted service at each of the above terminals for the processing of paper ERA's for a further period of two months.

After consultation with Shipping Australia, it has been determined that the provision of this service will attract a documentation fee of \$50 per ERA processed, and which will be payable by the Carrier on presentation at the Gate or on account as determined by the Terminal.

This service will be withdrawn on completion of the two month period and from the 1st November 2004, the Terminals will no longer be able to accept paper ERA's.

The Carriers will be advised of these arrangements through the normal Terminal communication links and we would ask that you inform your Shippers of these provisions.

These arrangements will not apply to the smaller P&O facilities."

Best Regards

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