



Newsletter December 2020

The Sandford Newsletter

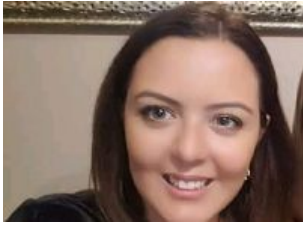
Brexit Its challenges and what to expect.

From January 1st 2021 the UK will be existing the transition period. We at Sandford Freight have been working hard to ensure we are prepared for all the new rules and regulations. For an easy breakdown of information [look here](#).



With more clients being recommended to us and finding us via the Internet we rely on having positive feedback, we would really appreciate you spending a few moments in giving us that positive review, please [Follow this link](#).

Introducing...



Kirsty Hayden has embarked on an exciting new role as Road Freight Coordinator. Kirsty first joined Sandford in September 2018 in our accounts department. She has since moved over to an operational role exactly two years later in September 2020. Away from work Kirsty enjoys spending time with her Husband and two daughters and doing boot camps.

Mark joined the Sandford Freight Team in October 2020 in the role of Senior Import Clerk bringing with him over 25 years of experience within the Freight Forwarding Industry primarily within various Airfreight Import roles. Outside of work Mark is married with two young children. He values spending time with his friends, family, enjoys cooking and also is a keen football supporter, from grass roots to premier league.

Kirsty looks forward to receiving your Export or Import Road Requirements
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Mark looks forward to receiving your Air Freight requests
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Sea Freight Updates

The sea freight shipping situation in China continues to be at a critical level. In China there continues to be an equipment shortage which is now resulting in shipping lines only offering spot pricing.

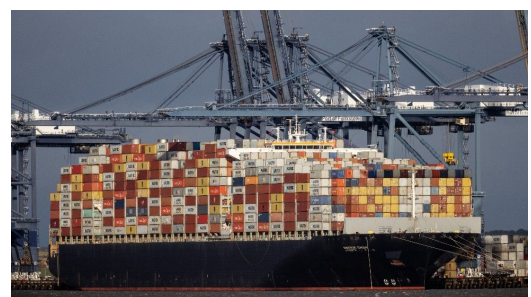
At Sandford we continue to work with our trusted suppliers in China to get the best possible service for you. Whilst we are trying our best it is important to know that shipping lines are also cancelling bookings at the last minute due to lack of equipment on their end.

UK Ports Crisis Continues



The Daily Mail Online has highlighted the continued critical situation which faces UK ports. An interesting article and interview which introduces some of the issues you may also be facing.

'Price rises likely' due to UK shipping problems



BBC News Online has also written an intrested article regarding the soar in shipping costs.

UK main ports continue to be busier than ever. Please remember to give us as much notice as you can for all bookings.
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Air Freight Updates

Due to the current situation regarding sea freight some of our customers are now switching to air freight options. With the roll out of the global vaccine, this will take a large proportion of the international air freight market. There will be a reduction in space availability for all other general cargo. This coupled with a lack of flight availability due to airlines still not operating as before, this will continue the higher than average air freight rates.

We urge you to book you space well in advance.

[Air Cargo Recovery Continues at a Slower Pace in October](#)



The International Air Transport Association (IATA) has released October data for global air freight markets showing that air cargo demand continues to improve but remains below previous year levels.

Coming Soon in February 2021



We have an exciting announcement for all our customers. After 20 plus years using the same software provider we have taken the big decision to upgrade our internal software platform. This will be rolled out from February 2021. We will have a new feature on our website which is called BoxTrax. This will give you access to a login area on our website (you will be given your own log in details). This feature will allow you to have visibility of all your jobs, see the current status, have access to documents, PO management, make bookings and much more.

Christmas Cheer

This year has been like no other, usually Roy Walker, Joanie Bond & other members of the team would travel around the country visiting many of our customers wishing them Christmas cheer. As it is not possible this year, Roy has decided to donate to the below charities.



From everyone here at Sandford Freight we wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

