



# REGISTRAR OF LINER SHIPPING

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Dear Mr Jensen

FINAL REGISTRATION: Variation No.1 China to Australia Service (PANDA)  
DIRECTION: Inwards and Outwards

Please note that, pursuant to section 10.33 of the Act, the above conference agreement was finally registered by the Acting Registrar on the signed date of this letter and has been entered into the register of conference agreements with a notation to the effect that the agreement has been finally registered.

The exemptions to the Act provided for by Subdivision A of Division 5 of Part X of the Act (see, especially sections 10.17 and 10.18) will, for a varying inwards or outwards conference agreement, begin to apply following the date of final registration, consistent with section 10.16 of the Act.

As part of the final registration notification process Mark Godfrey, Director, MSC Australia Operations, as designated representative on behalf of the parties to this agreement, has been reminded of the obligation to provide the APSA with at least 30 days' notice of any change in negotiable shipping arrangements except if a lesser period of notice is agreed in accordance with subsection 10.41(2) of the Act.

This obligation applies to any change in arrangements for, or terms and conditions applicable to, the shipping services (including ancillary services) provided under a registered conference agreement, including where the arrangements, or terms and conditions, are not specified in the conference agreement (e.g. terms and conditions setting freight rates for the services provided under the conference agreement, even where freight rates are not addressed in the conference agreement itself).

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If you are of the view that the parties have failed to comply with their obligations pursuant to section 10.41 of the Act, you can apply to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) for an investigation into whether this is the case. If the ACCC investigates, it must report to the responsible Minister, who has the power to cancel the registration of a registered conference agreement on certain grounds (one of which is contravention of section 10.41 of the Act).

Yours sincerely

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Acting Registrar of Liner Shipping

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