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Dear Carriers

Re: Deferral of proposed introduction of Side loader levy

The publication of the proposed Side loader levy for Port Botany on 24 September 2012 was made on the understanding that the Industry supported the proposed fee.

Our notification has lead to concerns being raised by the Industry. These concerns largely relate to the possible impact of the levy on smaller businesses that only operate side loaders.

Patrick Stevedores Operations Pty Ltd (Patrick) is working with Sydney Ports and the Industry to address the concerns raised. Accordingly, Patrick will defer a decision on a levy and will not impose the proposed fee of AUD100.00 +GST per Truck visit to the Terminal from 25 October 2012.

We expect to be able to provide an update on this issue in the near future.

Yours faithfully



Ben Wicks
Terminal Manager
Port Botany Terminal