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### **Final Notice – Weight Amendment Fee (Melbourne)**

On 3 August 2021, Patrick Terminals advised industry that the Pondus weighing solution will be implemented at East Swanson Dock from 4 October 2021.

In accordance with the Voluntary Pricing Protocol, Patrick is providing a final notice 30 days prior to implementation of the Weight Amendment Fee.

Pondus is a port safety initiative that has been developed in response to both the International Safety of Life and Sea Convention (SOLAS) and Chain of Responsibility obligations and assists container supply chain participants in meeting these safety obligations.

The Pondus safety initiative has been supported by industry bodies and key stakeholders, with engagement themes mostly related to who should receive the charge.

Where a misdeclaration is found by Pondus the charge is levied on the Patrick customer with the most proximate relationship to the shipper responsible for the weight declaration. For import containers the Weight Amendment Fee will be charged to the transport company and for export containers, the Weight Amendment Fee will be charged to the shipping line.

Patrick continues to explore the feasibility of alternate voluntary payment options for shippers.

Misdeclared containers will be notified before loading (exports) and manifesting (imports) to ensure parties can arrange for necessary adjustments to declared weights.

A Weight Amendment Fee of AUD 230.00 per container plus GST will apply to all containers determined by the Pondus Stand to have a weight variance of greater than +/- one metric tonne within the documented weight (VGM). **The Weight Amendment Fee will not apply to importers and exporters who accurately declare container weights.**

The Rates Schedule for the Weight Amendment Fee can be found here: <https://patrick.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Weight-Amendment-Fee-Landside-Pondus-Import-210803.pdf>