

Kia ora,

We're getting in touch to let you know about some changes and additions to our Ancillary Surcharges.

Summary of the key changes:

Port of Tauranga TCT Rail Access Charge: MetroPort (Auckland -Tauranga return) and Ruakura Inland Port (Ruakura - Tauranga return)

- Changes take effect 1 April 2026.
- Further increase applies 1 July 2026

Introduction of PrimePort Timaru Rail Levy

- Effective 1 April 2026

The full list of updated [Ancillary Surcharges](#) is available now on our freight website.

Ancillary Surcharge <i>Per container, excl. GST</i>	Effective from 1 April	Effective from 1 July
Port of Tauranga TCT Rail Access Charge	\$22.00	\$31.00
PrimePort Rail levy	\$31.00	No change

MetroPort (Auckland - Tauranga return) and Ruakura Inland Port (Ruakura - Tauranga return)

KiwiRail and the Port of Tauranga jointly agreed last year to transition the commercial responsibility for MetroPort in-house to KiwiRail. This change took effect on 1 December 2025.

Under the new arrangement, the Port of Tauranga no longer recover the costs of rail service activity relating to:

- Loading/unloading containers moving between Auckland and Tauranga on MetroPort train services at their Sulphur Point container terminal.
- Loading/unloading containers moving on rail between the Ruakura Inland Port in Hamilton and their Sulphur Point container terminal.

Port of Tauranga TCT Rail Access Charge - Application Update

Effective 1 April 2026, the Port will begin charging KiwiRail for these activities.



As these charges are not included in our line haul rates, we will need to recover this cost via a surcharge titled:

Port of Tauranga TCT Rail Access Charge

- \$22.00 (excl. GST) per container from 1 April 2026
- Increasing to \$31.00 (excl. GST) from 1 July 2026
- Applies regardless of direction of travel or load status.

Where this charge applies

Export

Any container (loaded or empty) consigned from any NZ location to the Port of Tauranga's Sulphur Point container terminal.

Example: An export container loaded with meat heading for a vessel.

Import

Any container (loaded or empty) consigned from Sulphur Point to any NZ location.

Example: An import container loaded with bananas discharging from a vessel to be railed to Wellington.

Domestic

Any container (loaded or empty) moving between NZ locations that transits through KiwiRail's container terminal within the Sulphur Point facility.

Example: A container carrying household furniture travelling from Napier to Tauranga.

All surcharges take effect from 1 April 2026.

Introduction of PrimePort Timaru Rail Levy (effective 1 April 2026)

PrimePort Timaru will begin charging KiwiRail a levy for each container moved into or out of their container terminal by rail – effectively a rail equivalent of a Vehicle Booking System (VBS) charge. We will need to recover this cost via a new surcharge titled:

PrimePort Rail Levy

- \$31.00 (excl. GST) per container
- Applies regardless of direction of travel or load status
- Will appear on your rail line haul invoice.



These surcharges are set by the Port, if you have any questions, we suggest you refer to the Port's published tariffs or contact the Port directly.

Ngā mihi nui,



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