

ONE improves transit time again from Chile to Asia for this coming Cherry Season



We are pleased to announce that our ALX1 service, will again improve the transit time from Valparaiso to Hong Kong to satisfy the special care needed to carry Chilean cherries.

Our Cherry Express Service will connect Valparaiso port with Hong Kong in 22 days with the following vessel schedule:

Vessel	Voyage	ETD Valparaiso	ETA Hong Kong
Cautin	2340W	15/11/2023	08/12/2023
Buenos Aires Express	2341W	22/11/2023	15/12/2023
Seaspan Belief	2342W	29/11/2023	22/12/2023
Seaspan Brightness	2343W	06/12/2023	29/12/2023
Montevideo Express	2344W	13/12/2023	05/01/2024
Seaspan Raptor	2345W	20/12/2023	12/01/2024
Manzanillo Express	2346W	27/12/2023	19/01/2024
Itajai Express	2347W	03/01/2024	26/01/2024
Rio De Janeiro Express	2348W	10/01/2024	02/02/2024

* Other destinations such as Shanghai, Pusan & South East Asian ports will be covered with transshipment in Hong Kong.

Cherries have a long history in Chinese culture and are often associated with various positive attributes such as good luck, happiness, and prosperity. To the ever-growing group of health-conscious consumers in China, cherries are seen as a prime snack choice, being rich in antioxidants, vitamins, and minerals.

Chilean cherries, which are harvested during the Southern Hemisphere's summer, help fill the gap in the Chinese market by providing fresh cherries during China's winter months. These factors, coupled with the mature and stable supply chain established, helped Chilean cherries gain a strong foothold in the Chinese market.

Chilean cherry exports hit a high of 406,214 metric tons during the 2022/2023 season, despite the operational challenges faced during the start of the season. The export growth estimation for this season is projected at 11% and reaching approximately 450,000 metric tons, of which China will continue as the main destination.

Cherries do not have a long shelf life and are prone to damage if there are delays in transport, hence the time sensitive nature raises the need for fast and reliable transport, which is key to ensure that the fruit arrives in the best possible condition.

To meet this need, ONE has implemented a temporary change in port rotation and faster sailing speed, thus demonstrating our commitment to the perishable produce industry and flexibility to adapt to new challenges by providing innovative solutions.

For more details of our ALX1 service, please refer to service map in ONE website through the link here: <https://www.one-line.com/en/routes/current-services>.