



**ALX1 Service (Cherry Express):
ONE improves transit time again from Chile to Asia
for this coming Cherry Season.**

We are pleased to announce that our AX1 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 following vessel schedule:

Vessel	Voy	ETD Valparaiso	ETA Hong Kong
Mol Benefactor	939	13/11/2019	06/12/2019
HMM Blessing	007	20/11/2019	13/12/2019
Mehuín	940	27/11/2019	20/12/2019
Mol Belief	942	04/12/2019	27/12/2019
Cochrane	943	11/12/2019	03/01/2019
Coyhaique	944	18/12/2019	10/01/2019
Cisnes	945	25/12/2019	17/01/2019
Corcovado	946	01/01/2019	24/01/2019

* Other destinations such as Shanghai & Pusan will be offered with transshipment in Hong Kong covered in 28 and 30 days respectively.

In China, the humble cherry has become a status symbol, with millennials even coining the term “Cherry Freedom”, defined as having the means to purchase this luxury fruit without having second thoughts. While once considered a fruit only to be eaten by Chinese aristocrats, the advances of global trade and technology has allow greater access to this fruit for more people to enjoy.

This deliciously sweet red fruit is also considered a symbol of good fortune and prosperity thanks to its luscious red colour and round shape, and is highly coveted by many to be given as gifts to loved ones during the Chinese New Year period – perfect timing as the Chilean cherry season starts in December. Chilean cherries are highly sought after thanks to their superior quality and taste, and a mature and stable supply chain has helped Chilean cherries gain a foothold in China.

According to the Chilean Cherry Committee, exports for this season will increase by 15% YoY reaching 209,000 tones during the 2019/2020 season, of which at least 85 to 90 percent is expected to be shipped to China. A similar trend of growth is expected to continue over the next few years as Chilean growers have been planting more cherry trees. 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 its commitment to the perishable produce industry and flexibility to adapt to new challenges by providing innovative solutions.

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

