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**Lumber Pricing Crisis & Impact on Crate Costs Comes to an End**By Laurie Milano, December 9, 2022

MSS, Inc. a leader in personalized third party moving-related specialty services did well in managing the unexpected lumber crisis and associated increased crating costs beginning in the Spring of 2021. MSS continued to monitor the situation in May 2021, and over the course of the year saw many ups and downs. One year later in May 2022 during the beginning of the peak move season, rates were at tier 4 which is a 12.18% increase over the base rate of tier 1. Over the next few months the rate varied between tiers 2 (+4.19%) and tier 3 (+8.18%) increases. In this past October the rates remained at tier 1 with no added increase to the base charges. In November, MSS sent out a formal notice that the tiered program is no longer needed and will revert to the standard pricing. (*More about MSS*)