

PORT OF ROTTERDAM – ECT DWELL TIME REDUCTION

In the OOCL Tidings, Issue 2007/4 dated 31 July 2007, we advised you of measures being implemented by the Rotterdam stevedore ECT on 15 September 2007 in order to reduce terminal dwell time. It is essential for ECT to achieve such a reduction in order for them to manage the ever increasing volume of cargo. The measures will apply to both ECT Delta and ECT Home terminals.

We have since met with ECT to discuss the implementation of these measures and we can now give specific details as follows:

Export Cargo

- A Cargo Opening Time (COT) will be implemented for outbound sailings.
- Export cargo will not be accepted by ECT terminal before the COT.
- The COT is fixed as 9 calendar days before the pro-forma scheduled arrival time of each sailing.
- Therefore it will be a fixed day every week and will not fluctuate with changes to the actual schedule.
- For OOCL sailings, the COT will be as follows:

Trade	Loop	COT Day	FIRST APPLICABLE SAILING		
			COT Date	Sailing	Actual ETA
Far East	EU3	Friday	21-Sep	NVO004E	30-Sep
	EU4	Wednesday	19-Sep	TSX003W	29-Sep
	NW1	Tuesday	18-Sep	HCB005E	27-Sep
	NW3	Friday	20-Sep	ITG043E	29-Sep
Trans Atlantic	ATX	Saturday	15-Sep	OBR001E	24-Sep
	PAX	Sunday	16-Sep	DRE093W	28-Sep
Intra Europe	SBX	Sunday	16-Sep	ONA253E	25-Sep
	SBX2 odd	Saturday	15-Sep	ONY255E	26-Sep
	SBX2 even	Tuesday	18-Sep	OFI034E	27-Sep

- In principle, the ECT gate is open 7 days per week for all modalities such that the COT can legitimately fall during the week-end.
- The COT will apply for all containers arriving by truck, rail, barge and feeder.

- Containers arriving in advance of the COT:
 - On truck will be refused entry onto terminal
 - By rail will be left on rail wagon
 - By barge and feeder will be either left on board, or loaded back on board.
- There is no contingency in place for the temporary storage of containers arriving in advance of the COT for which ECT has refused acceptance. Any handling costs for reloading and/or re-stowage on barges or feeders will be for the account of cargo.
- The COT for every sailing can (eventually) be found on the ECT website, www.ect.nl.
- Notwithstanding the implementation of a COT by ECT, OOCL tariff demurrage charges will continue to apply.

Import Cargo

- As from 15 September 2007, any import container still present in the stacks 14 calendar days after discharge will be blocked and liable to be removed by ECT from the main stacking areas.
- All such containers can be subsequently released for delivery or onward shipment only after giving 48 hours notice in advance to ECT. This notice has to be given by OOCL as part of the usual release process.
- Any Yard Occupancy Charge levied by ECT is deemed to be incorporated into the OOCL tariff demurrage charge, which will continue to apply.

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