

Dear Sirs,

## Request for Cooperation to Eliminate Long-term Storage of Containers at Tokyo Port's Container Terminals

The Port of Tokyo has been addressing countermeasures towards traffic congestion in order to secure smooth port logistics at the Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020 including implementation of the container terminals and major roads, extension of the opening time of container terminals' gates, establishment of temporary stockyards available around the clock.

Above all, for solving traffic congestion in front of the container terminals' gates and securing port logistics function, we recognise that it is very effective and important to keep the volume of in-yard cargoes at a reasonable level and improve cargo-handling efficiency by eliminating long-term storage of containers at Tokyo Port's Container Terminal.

Therefore, the Bureau of Port and Harbor at the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (hereafter MLIT) and Tokyo Metropolitan Government (hereafter TMG) have just requested cooperation towards all users such as shippers, terminal operators shipping companies and logistic companies to eliminate long-term storage of containers as of the date of notice on Oct. 23, 2019.

Furthermore, MLIT has requested cooperation towards all users in Japan for an early collection of actual imported containers and the early return of empty containers and thus responding to the tight supply and demand of international sea container transportation capacity and shortage of empty containers. ( "Dealing with tight sea container transportation associated with the spread of Covid-19. (Request for cooperation) " (Deputy Minister for Public Transport and Logistics Policy, Director-General of Maritime Bureau, Director-General of Ports and Harbor Bureau) As of Feb. 5, 2021)

It is required to ensure proper operation for the container terminal yard as it is a designated bonded area where temporary storage of foreign cargoes are temporarily stored for the purpose of promoting simplified and prompt custom procedures.

In line with this, we once again request for your further understanding and cooperation with regards to the steps below, with no legal binding but on a voluntary basis.

1. We request that ocean carriers encourage prompt retrieving delivery of imported loaded containers with an import licence from a container yard.
2. We request that ocean carriers encourage no extension of the demurrage free time.
3. We request that ocean carriers apply a demurrage charge as per individual carriers' tariff with no discount.

Based on this background, we believe that the smooth and reliable cooperation from all related parties of the container terminals will lead to a profound effect.

Taking current circumstances into consideration, we may conduct a survey on the situation in each container terminal if needed.

Furthermore, please be careful not to set the storage period through discussions with other terminal operators /other shipping companies in order to comply with the Anti-Monopoly Act.

For both the success of the Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020 and the sustainment of logistics functions in the Tokyo Metropolitan area, the national government and all parties related to the Port of Tokyo will work as a team. We again request your understanding and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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