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Maher Terminal Delays - Update

The extreme delays reported at Maier Terminal in New Jersey are decreasing since the major disruption 2 months ago caused by a new operating system glitch. Several steamship lines are recommending using other East Coast or Canadian ports until the system is fully repaired. This disruption in service has been costly to truckers who have incurred added costs for demurrage, detention, chassis rental and storage in addition to loss of productivity.

Guatemala GTX Surcharge

The Guatemalan Government has advised that a 6% government tax surcharge will be levied on freight and charges payable in Guatemala effective September 13, 2013 for trades involving U.S.A. This surcharge will not apply to freight and charges collected outside of Guatemala.

China/Hong Kong Typhoon

Earlier this week a strong typhoon disrupted transportation in China and Hong Kong. Many airports and port operations were cancelled or suffered heavy delays. The carriers we checked with today, however, are happy to report no delays or cancellations at this time.

Container Chassis Repairs

The confusion over where responsibility lies regarding container chassis repairs may cause delays in the next month. There has been an influx of leasing company chassis that are directly leased to truckers who do not use the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) maintenance workers for repairs. Therefore, the ILA stated that any chassis that has not been serviced by their maintenance workers will not be accepted at the terminals. This will not apply to chassis owned by shippers or truckers.

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