



SEKO Customer News Bulletin

Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles to Implement Clean Truck Program

Dear Valued Customer,

Originally scheduled for November 17, 2008, the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles were to begin implementing the Clean Truck Program. Please note that it was recently announced that the Clean Truck Fee (CT Fee) will be delayed pending resolution of outstanding regulatory issues. The new start date for fee collection is not yet clear, however, PortCheck urges cargo owners to complete preparations for claiming cargo online and paying the CT Fee. It is also suggested to register with PierPASS if you are not already registered. Information about the program, registration and preparation follows.

The program is an environmental initiative aimed at reducing emissions of harmful pollutants from harbor trucks by more than 45% by 2012. Older trucks will eventually have to be replaced. Initially, all 1988 and older trucks will be banned and the program will progressively ban all trucks that don't meet the emission standards by 2012. The costs to replace older trucks are estimated at \$2 billion.

To help finance the retrofit or replacement costs, the ports will implement the Clean Truck Fee (CT Fee) by levying a fee of \$35.00 per 20' container (or \$70.00 per 40' container) prior to receipt or delivery of each container through the terminal gates. The CT Fee will apply to all containers with bills of lading showing port of loading/discharge as CY Long Beach/Los Angeles. Rail moves will not be affected.

LCL consolidators will assess a fee per w/m for LCL export and import applicable for all cargo with bills of lading showing place of receipt/delivery as CFS Long Beach/Los Angeles.

A non-for-profit company called PortCheck has been established to collect the CT Fees. You may find more details about PortCheck at: www.portcheck.org. Payment procedures are the same as when paying PierPASS charges. If you are already registered with PierPASS, your information will automatically be entered into PortCheck. This includes both your registration and your credit information. All you need to do is confirm your registration the first time you visit PortCheck.

If you are not in the PierPASS system, you can get a jump on the PortCheck registration process by registering for PierPASS. Go to www.pierpass-tmf.org and in the *Sign In* section, find "Click on [Register Account](#) to begin" and follow the step-by-step instructions for registration.

There are two options when making CT Fee payments directly:

- Payments per shipment, via credit cards or E-Checks
- Payments on a weekly basis via ACH. However, this first requires establishment of a credit line and a minimum of 500 containers shipped per year through the ports.

Payments can also be made by SEKO when handling shipments on behalf of our customers.

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