



**GEORGIA PORTS AUTHORITY**  
**MARINE TERMINAL OPERATOR SCHEDULE (“MTOS”)**

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**No. 10-A**  
(cancels and replaces Tariff No. 10)

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CHARGES, DEFINITIONS, AND RULES  
governing  
HANDLING AND STORAGE OF CONTAINERS, TRAILERS  
and  
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES  
applicable at the  
MASON MEGA RAIL TERMINAL (MMT)  
at Savannah (Garden City), Georgia

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**MTO Schedule No. 10-A**

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**Rule 34-005**

**Effective Date:** October 1, 2022

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**Subject:** Governing Schedule

Except as noted herein, this schedule is governed by Georgia Ports Authority Marine Terminal Operator Schedule No. 5-A to the extent applicable.

**Rule 34-015**

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**Subject:** Application of Schedule

This schedule contains definitions, regulations, and rates applicable to the handling and storage of chassis and containers. The rates in this schedule will be assessed to the ocean carrier unless the Authority agrees to invoice another party.

**Rule 34-025**

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**Subject:** Chassis Rental

Chassis are available at the Georgia Ports Authority's Garden City Terminal. Arrangements for leasing must be between the chassis lessor and the applicable chassis pool.

**Rule 34-035**

**Effective Date:** May 1, 2025

**Issue Date:** April 1, 2025

**Subject:** Free Time (Mason Mega Rail Terminal)

Containers will be granted the following free time, beginning with the first 12:01 AM after being unloaded:

- **CONTAINERS ARRIVING VIA RAIL AND DEPARTING VIA TRUCK FOR FUMIGATION**
  - Four (4) consecutive calendar days
  
- **INTERNATIONAL CONTAINER** (as defined herein, see MTOS 10-A, Rule 34-100)  
Provided the ocean carrier has scheduled through GPA's NAVIS container management system prior to arrival at the Mason Mega Rail Terminal
  - Import – Seven (7) consecutive calendar days
  - Export – Seven (7) consecutive calendar days
  - Transshipped – Ten (10) consecutive calendar days
  
- **NON-VESSEL CONTAINERS** (as defined herein, see MTOS 10-A, Rule 34-100)
  - Two (2) consecutive calendar days
  
- **OUT OF GAUGE INTERNATIONAL CONTAINERS AND ISO TANK CONTAINERS**
  - Import and Export – Five (5) consecutive calendar days

**Rule 34-045**

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**Subject:** Holidays

When reference is made in this schedule to “holidays”, it means the following days:

- New Year’s Day
- Martin Luther King’s Birthday (Third Monday in January)
- President’s Day (Third Monday in February)
- Good Friday
- Memorial Day (Last Monday in May)
- Juneteeth
- July 4th
- Labor Day (First Monday in September)
- Veterans Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Friday after Thanksgiving
- Christmas Eve
- Christmas Day

When one of the holidays falls on a Sunday, the following Monday will be observed as the holiday. When one of the holidays falls on Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be observed as the holiday.

**Rule 34-055**

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**Subject:** Maintenance and Repair of Chassis and Containers

International Containers – Maintenance can be performed on international containers and chassis after movement and interchange to the GPA Container Facility.

**Rule 34-058**

**Effective Date:** December 1, 2015

**Issue Date:** November 1, 2015

**Subject:** Outgating of Non-Vessel Containers

During normal working hours, the outgating of domestic / landbridged containers, as defined in Rule 34-100 of this schedule, requires no advance notice of intent by a carrier. However, outgating on weekends requires prior notice, as the ICTF gate will be open only during the hour between 0900 and 1000. Thus any carrier wanting to pick-up such containers on either a Saturday or Sunday, must give written notice no later than 4:00 PM the preceding Friday to the ICTF management by either fax (912-964-3833) or email ([intermodaloperations@gaports.com](mailto:intermodaloperations@gaports.com)). Information to be included is as follows:

- Container # (s) to be outgated
- Day and approximate time of Pick-up
- Contact person
- Payment method, if not previously arranged

**Rule 34-060**

**Effective Date:** October 1, 2014

**Issue Date:** September 1, 2014

**Subject:** Payments of Charges

Charges for supplemental lifts, chassis storage, or container storage must be paid prior to being out-gated. Payment may be made in the form of cashier's check, COMCHEK, credit card (MasterCard or Visa), debit card, or money order unless other satisfactory arrangements have been made with the terminal operator prior to out-gating.

**Rule 34-065**

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**Subject:** Working Hours

The recognized working hours of the ICTF shall be from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, holidays excepted, as well as Saturdays and Sundays from 8:00 am to 9:00 am with prior notification. However, intermodal rail services may be provided, at the Authority's option, on a 24 hour, 7 day a week basis, if train arrivals and container volumes dictate. If the Authority chooses to provide said service, ocean carriers are required to participate.

**Rule 34-100**

**Effective Date:** July 8, 2022

**Issue Date:** May 8, 2024

**Subject:** Definitions

**CHASSIS**

A wheeled device specifically designed to be attached to the under-frame of a container by means of ISO corner fittings for the express purpose of road transport.

**CONTAINER**

A piece of equipment measuring from 20 to 45 feet in length, designed for the transport of goods. It must be fitted with ISO corner fittings so as to be lifted from or mounted on a chassis or intermodal railcar.

**DRAYAGE**

The charge made for hauling containers or freight on trucks.

**EARLY RAIL ARRIVAL**

A charge assessed against any loaded export container received via rail carrier, which arrives outside the seven (7) day arrival window (see Authority's MTO Schedule 5-A, Rule

34-475).

**FREE TIME**

Specified period of time during which a container may occupy space at the Mason Mega Rail Terminal without incurring storage charges.

**INTERNATIONAL CONTAINER**

A container which has had or will have a prior or subsequent waterborne move via the Authority's Garden City Terminal or Ocean Terminal.

**INITIAL LIFT**

The first lift of a container or trailer to, or from, the railcar.

**LIFT**

The placement of a container or trailer onto, or off of, a railcar, chassis, or Mason Mega Rail storage stack.

**LINE**

Ocean carrier providing the water transportation service for an international or landbridge container movement.

**NON-VESSEL CONTAINER**

Any container which has not nor will not have a prior or subsequent vessel move via the Authority's Garden City Terminal or Ocean Terminal.

More specifically described as follows:

Domestic – A container that has both an origin and destination with the United States, and which has transited the Authority's Garden City Terminal or Ocean Terminal but never with the intent of loading a vessel.

Landbridged – A container which has either been imported or will be exported via a terminal other than those of the Authority's Garden City Terminal or Ocean Terminal.

Inclusive among the Non-Vessel Container category are those which are stuffed (loaded) by the Authority, but which are exported via some other terminal.

Non-Vessel Containers shall be subject to the Non-Vessel Terminal Use charge (see MTOS 5-A, Rule 34-520).

**NOTIFY PARTY**

Entity or person identified on the Class 1 railroad waybill to be informed of container availability.



**STORAGE CHARGES**

Charges that are associated with the period of time a container is on the Mason Mega Rail beyond the allowable free time.

**SUPPLEMENTAL LIFT**

A charge assessed against any loaded export container received via rail carrier without proper pre-advice information (see MTO Schedule No. 5-A, Rule 34-490).

**Rule 34-105**

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**Subject:** Reference Marks

(A) Addition
(C) Change in wording, resulting in neither an increase nor a reduction in charges
(D) Decrease
(I) Increase
(NC) No Change
(R) Reduction

**Rule 34-200**

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**Subject:** Lift Charge

Initial Lift to, or from, Railcar	No Charge
Supplemental Lifts	\$89.44 each
Other Authorized/ Required Lifts	\$89.44 each

**Rule 34-210****Effective Date:** October 1, 2023**Issue Date:** August 1, 2023**Subject:** Early Rail Arrival

Early Rail Arrival	\$86.00, per container
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**Rule 34-220****Effective Date:** October 1, 2022**Issue Date:** August 1, 2022**Subject:** Facility Storage (International Containers as defined herein)

Import Loaded Storage and Export Loaded Storage (International Containers as defined herein)	
International Loaded Containers, as defined herein ( <b>Note 2</b> )	
After Free Time Expires (See Rule 34-505)	
Days 1-3, per TEU, per day	\$ 17.00
Days 4-6, per TEU, per day	\$ 30.00
Days 7-20, per TEU, per day	\$ 43.00
Each Additional Day, per TEU, per day	\$ 86.00