



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

No. 12
(Gainesville Inland Port)

DEFINITIONS, RULES, AND CHARGES
governing
HANDLING AND STORAGE OF CONTAINERS
and
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES
applicable at the
GAINESVILLE INLAND PORT (“GIP”)
OF THE GEORGIA PORTS AUTHORITY
HALL COUNTY, GEORGIA

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Rule 34-005

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Subject: Governing Schedule

The Marine Terminal Operator Schedule (“MTOS”) No. 12 is governed by the Authority’s MTOS No. 5-A, to the extent applicable. In the event the terms and conditions of MTOS No. 5-A are inconsistent with the terms and conditions of this MTOS No. 12, the terms and conditions of this MTOS No. 12 shall prevail.

Rule 34-010

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Subject: Application of Schedule

The provisions of this MTOS including, without limitation, the rules, definitions, charges and regulations contained herein shall apply equally to all Users of the Authority’s GIP terminal facility, on the effective date shown, or with respect to any amendments to this MTOS, on the effective date of such amendments. The use of the GIP terminal facility or services shall constitute a consent to the terms and conditions of this MTOS and evidences an agreement on the part of all Users to pay all charges specified in this MTOS and be governed by all rules and regulations contained herein. This MTOS is enforceable by the Authority, and an appropriate court, as an implied contract without proof of actual knowledge of its provisions. Each User shall be liable for noncompliance with the terms of this MTOS by such User’s officers, directors, agents, employees, invitees, contractors or subcontractors.

Rule 34-015

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Subject: Application of Railroad’s Intermodal Rules Circular

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (“NS”) is the rail provider for GIP. Users may transport containers between GPA’s Mason Mega-Rail Terminal and GIP by utilizing train service provided by NS. The use of the train service provided by NS shall constitute a consent to the terms and conditions of the railroad’s Intermodal Rules Circular #2 (the “NS Intermodal Rules Circular) and shall evidence the User’s agreement to all applicable terms and conditions contained therein. In the event that the Authority incurs any charges for train services under the NS Intermodal Rules Circular related to a specific shipment, then, in addition to the charges payable by the User under this MTOS, the Authority shall pass through such additional charges to the User and the User agrees to pay the Authority for the additional amounts due under the NS Intermodal Rules Circular for the shipment.

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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.
FREE TIME
Specified period of time during which a loaded container may be stored at GIP without incurring terminal storage charges as set forth in Rule 34-025.

INITIAL LIFT
The first lift of a container to, or from, a railcar.
LIFT
A container that 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 to or from, the railcar.
LIFT
A crane lift for the purpose of loading a container on to, or removing a container from, a railcar, chassis, or storage stack.
LINE
Ocean carrier that provides the water transportation service for an international or land-bridge container.
NON-RAIL CONTAINER
Any loaded container which has not had, or will not have, a preceding or subsequent rail move via the GIP.
NOTIFY PARTY
Entity or person so identified on the railroad waybill to be informed of container availability.
RAILROAD
Refers to Norfolk Southern Railway Company.
STORAGE CHARGES
The charges that apply when a loaded container is stored at GIP after the expiration of Free Time.
SUPPLEMENTAL RAIL LIFT
A charge for any requested container lift not covered by the Facilitation Fee (Per the rate in MTO Schedule No. 5-A, Rule 34-520).
TRAIN SERVICE
The intermodal rail line haul services provided by NS for the movement of containers between the Authority's Mason Mega Rail Terminal and the GIP, in either direction.
USER

Any user of the GIP including, without limitation, any ocean carrier rail carrier, motor carrier, shipper, consignee, consignor, freight forwarder, broker, or other person or entity owning or having custody of cargo or containers moving through the GIP terminal facility, or who use or benefit from use of the GIP terminal facility or services, and the agents, servants, representatives and/or employees of such parties.

Rule 34-025

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Subject: Free Time for Loaded Containers

Loaded rail container	Five (5) consecutive calendar days (including weekends and holidays).
Loaded Non-Rail container	Five (5) consecutive calendar days (including weekends and holidays).

After Free Time expires for a loaded container, storage rates will apply in accordance with Rule 34-205.

Note 1 – The staging or storage of bare chassis will not be permitted at GIP unless otherwise specified.

Rule 34-030

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Subject: Storage for Empty Containers

EMPTY CONTAINER STORAGE

The Authority will assess an Empty Container Terminal Storage charge for each empty container that exceeds the Allowable Empty Container inventory for the monthly reporting period. The Allowable Empty Container inventory for the monthly reporting period is

computed as follows:

Step 1 – Calculate the weekly average. The weekly average is calculated using the number of loaded containers that have transferred via railcar from Garden City Terminal to the Gainesville Inland Port (GIP) within the last three (3) months prior to the current billing period.

Step 2 – Multiply the weekly average, as calculated in Step 1, by the number of days in the current billable month. That number is then multiplied by a factor of 1.0 and the total will equal the **Allowable Empty Container Inventory Total**. The Authority will compare the number of empty containers allowed to the actual cumulative empty containers on the terminal for that month. If the actual cumulative empty container inventory exceeds the Allowable Empty Container Inventory for the reporting period, then the difference will be assessed the Empty Container Terminal Storage charge in Schedule No. 12 Rule 34-210.

Note 1: The Empty Container Storage charge will be calculated and invoiced monthly to the ocean carrier or its agent.

Rule 34-035

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Subject: Removal of Empty Containers

Upon the Authority's request, ocean carriers will be required to promptly remove empty containers from GIP if the Authority determines that an excessive accumulation of empty containers exists at the terminal.

Rule 34-040

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Subject: Working Hours

The recognized working hours of the GIP shall be from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM, Monday through Friday, holidays excepted. The Authority may provide rail loading and unloading services on a 24 hour, 7 days a week, basis, to the extent GPA determines that train arrivals and container volumes necessitate these hours.

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 Jr’s Birthday
Presidents’ Day
Good Friday
Memorial Day
Juneteenth
Independence Day
Labor Day
Veteran’s Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Eve
Christmas Day

In the event the holiday falls on Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be observed. If the holiday falls on Sunday, the subsequent Monday shall be observed.

Rule 34-200**Effective Date:** May 1, 2026**Issue Date:** April 1, 2026**Subject:** GIP Terminal Facilitation Fees

The following terminal facilitation fees apply and are assessed to cover services after a container has been moved from the railcar including on terminal drays, secondary lifts, digging, and gate usage. For exports, this includes services provided up to the last lift to the railcar.

Loaded Container	\$60.00
Empty Container	\$40.00

Rule 34-205**Effective Date:** May 1, 2026**Issue Date:** April 1, 2026**Subject:** Import Loaded Storage & Export Loaded Storage

After Free Time Expires (See Schedule No. 12 Rule 34-025)

Days 1-3, per TEU, per day	\$18.48
Days 4-6, per TEU, per day	\$32.60
Days 7-20, per TEU, per day	\$46.73
Each Additional Day, per TEU	\$93.46

Note 1: TEU – Twenty-Foot Equivalent Unit.

Twenty-foot (20) container = 1 TEU

Forty-foot (40) container = 2 TEUS

Forty-five-foot (45) container = 2.25 TEUS

Rule 34-210

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Subject: Empty Container Storage

After monthly allocation has been exceeded (See Schedule No. 12 Rule 34-030)

Empty Containers, per container	\$4.00
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