



NOTICE

MTOS revisions



May 08, 2024

To: Users of GPA's Marine Terminal Operator Schedule ("MTOS") No 5-A, No 10-A and No 11

Effective July 8, 2024, the Georgia Ports Authority will implement the below changes to the MTOS.

MTOS 5-A Rule 34-475 Acceptance Release and Handling of Chassis and Containers

The Authority will accept a container from or release a container to the inland carrier upon instructions from the ocean carrier or its authorized agent.

All physical handling of containers and chassis after receipt to the "point of rest" shall be accomplished by the Authority or its designated contractor, or as authorized by the Authority.

The Authority reserves the right to designate an area as the point of rest.

RECEIVING DATE GUIDELINES

Export receiving will not open for more than two (2) vessels at one time for each service. If vessels fall off rotation, it may prevent the third vessel from opening. In these cases, the Authority will only open for a third vessel, in a specific service, when the first vessel completes operations and is prepared to sail.

Loaded export containers delivered to the Authority's Garden City Terminal or Ocean Terminal will not be accepted into the terminal if it is more than **seven (7) days** ahead of their vessel's current published arrival date on the Georgia Ports Authority website and Navis / Express system. **(Exception: See Note)**

Note: If a second vessel in the same service is received before the first vessel departs, then the second vessel's loaded export containers will not be accepted into the terminal if it is more than seven (7) days ahead of the second vessel's current published arrival date on the Georgia Ports Authority website and Navis / Express system.

MTOS 5-A

Rule 34-484 Container Transloading Services

The Authority may provide container transloading services to a limited number of exporters of linerboard, woodpulp, and like commodities. For these exporters, once the rates have been agreed upon, and cargo is received, the Authority will stuff (load) containers as requested. The stuffing will occur within the **seven (7) day export receipt** window (see Rule 34-475 of this schedule), regardless of the free time and demurrage terms such exporters may have with the ocean carrier(s) with whom the cargo is booked. The Authority shall not be responsible for any resulting demurrage charges assessed by the ocean carrier(s), except that caused by its own negligence, as the Authority is not privy to the particular free time allowed by the ocean carriers involved.

For exporters of other commodities or importers of any commodity, the Authority will, in most cases, refer the work to third-party warehouse/transload operators in the Savannah area, a list of which is available from **the Authority's Pricing and Records Division**.

If due to the dimensions or weight of the cargo, it is necessary to transload the cargo within the Authority's terminals, this will be allowed, provided the selected third party has met the Authority's insurance requirements, and space is available for the transload operation. The Authority will assess fees to the selected third party and said fees should be included in any charges assessed by the third party to the importer/exporter, or its broker/forwarder.

Note: With the exception of Hazardous Class 9, the Authority strictly prohibits the transloading of all other hazardous classes on Authority facilities.

MTOS 5-A Rule 34-505 Free Time and Storage (Excerpted)

FREE TIME

The specified period of time that a loaded container may occupy terminal space assigned to it on Authority property, free of storage charges. The Authority will grant the following Free Time beginning with the first 12:01 AM after a loaded container is unloaded from the transport conveyance:

- **CONTAINERS ARRIVING VIA RAIL AND DEPARTING VIA TRUCK FOR FUMIGATION**
 - Four (4) consecutive calendar days
- **DOMESTIC CONTAINERS ARRIVING VIA RAIL**
 - Two (2) consecutive calendar days
- **INTERNATIONAL CONTAINER** (as defined herein)
 - Import - Seven (7) consecutive calendar days
 - **Export - Seven (7) consecutive calendar days**
 - Transshipped - Ten (10) consecutive calendar days
- **OUT OF GAUGE INTERNATIONAL CONTAINER AND ISO TANK CONTAINER**
 - Import and Export - Five (5) consecutive calendar days

Exception - All other containers received by the Authority, including but not limited to containers stuffed (loaded) by the Authority at the request of a cargo account, which are out-gated and ultimately exported via terminals other than the Authority's Garden City Terminal or Ocean Terminal shall be granted no free time other than the day of receipt.

Note: Export receiving window will not open for more than two (2) vessels at one time for vessels in the same service.

MTOS 10-A (Mason Mega Rail) Rule 34-035 Free Time

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

International Containers (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 MegaRail Terminal

Import - Seven (7) consecutive calendar days

Export - Seven (7) consecutive calendar days

Domestic Containers arriving via rail (as defined herein, see MTOS 10-A, Rule 34-100)

Two (2) consecutive calendar days

Exception - All other containers received by the Authority, including but not limited to containers stuffed (loaded) by the Authority at the request of a cargo account, which are out-gated and ultimately exported via terminals other than the Authority's Garden City Terminal or Ocean Terminal shall be granted no free time other than the day of receipt.

Questions may be addressed to the undersigned or your GPA account representative.

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