



USA Advisory: LCL Export & Import Service Delays

Dear Valued Customer,

To keep you better informed of the current operational situation occurring in the U.S., we would like to provide you with the following updates.

Rail Terminal Updates:

BNSF & UP/LAX/LGB BNSF: There is severe congestion. Limited gate capacity, restrictions, rail car shortages, and limited reservations continue, causing increased delays on import rail units. BNSF announced at the end of September an embargo to Los Angeles for all cargo to L.A./Hobart, affecting operations from Chicago. BNSF closure for L.A. bound cargo extended through October 8th. In LAX, containers wait an average of almost 16 days before being picked up.

Chicago Rail Ramp: The rail facilities in Chicago are experiencing severe congestion because of dwelling containers and chassis shortages. G3 location, which is three hours away from G4 is only allowing ten open spots daily, causing a huge backlog for containers to be picked up for imports. There are gate restrictions and lane suspensions implemented delays in pick-ups and deliveries were observed in the area. The rails continue to monitor in-gates with allocation or reservations.

Due to the BNSF closure for LA-bound cargo, we have rerouted cargo from Chicago to ports on the East Coast, please expect further delays.

Philadelphia: Severe shortages of available chassis in the Philadelphia area. Extended delays in pick-ups, deliveries, and drayage.

NJ/NY rails: Several rail lines in the North Jersey area are delayed since vessels keep arriving after the ETA. Chassis shortages are increasing day by day.

Savannah: Continued congestion and delays at the local ramps. Shortage of chassis and equipment affecting operations more and more.

Jacksonville and Miami: Congestion issues at both rails. Long Delays in Picking up/dropping off approximately seven days to release a rail box.

Seattle: Congestion due to increased dwell for Import rail cargo.

Memphis: Rail Ramp congestion due to increased volumes and delayed pick-ups.

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Miami: The rail congestion in Chicago is affecting our services out of Miami. Congestion issues at the terminal located in Miami.

Houston / Dallas: There is a severe chassis shortage and ongoing congestion in the area. Finding truckers has become a challenge as they are booked for 2-3 weeks in advance.

Terminals:

Due to increased volume, operations are experiencing congestion issues at most of the terminals, including Philadelphia, Savannah, Miami, Houston, Seattle, Los Angeles / Long Beach.

Record cargo volumes each month continue to enter the U.S., with all North American ports facing berth congestion.

U.S. East Coast:

New York/New Jersey: Vessel wait time is 0-24 hours due to high import volume.

Savannah: Vessel wait time is 6-7 days due to off proforma vessels and high import volume. Carriers are advancing cut-offs with little to no notice, which highly affects operations.

Philadelphia: Vessel waiting time is 24-36 hours due to high import volume.

Port Everglades and Miami: Vessel wait time is 3-6 days due to high import volume causing a CFS Backlog. Equipment shortages are resulting in pick-up delays.

U.S. West Coast:

A record number of container ships, reaching almost one hundred, are still waiting off the coast of California to unload at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

Los Angeles: Vessel waiting time is 7-10 days due to yard congestion, high import dwell, and labor shortage.

Long Beach: up to an 8–12-day vessel wait time due to high import dwell and labor shortages.

Seattle: 24-26-day vessel wait time due to high import volume and labor shortages.

Oakland: 2-4-day vessel wait time due to high import volume and labor shortages.

U.S. Gulf Coast:

Houston: Waiting time is 2-4 days due to high import volume and labor shortage.

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Equipment Availability:

There are continuous chassis shortages in LAX/Long Beach, New York, Philadelphia, Saint Louis, Columbus, Cleveland, Chicago, Memphis, Atlanta, Nashville, and Louisville. Equipment availability remains an issue at locations such as Atlanta, Chicago, Cincinnati, Columbus, Detroit, Kansas City, Minneapolis, Memphis, Nashville, Omaha, St. Louis, and Seattle.

Thank you for your continued support and patience as we get through this together.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact your local Shipco Transport representative, who will be ready to assist you at any time.

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