Dear TLS Local Carriers and Container Stakeholders:

Please be advised that Port Metro Vancouver is now proceeding with consultation specifically addressing new TLS opportunities and requirements for long haul carriers accessing port terminals. This consultation focuses on input from long haul operators; however, input received from other groups will be considered.

This process builds on TLS consultations in 2014, which helped develop the new TLS for local drayage.

Our goal is to develop the long haul component of the TLS program recognizing the unique nature of long haul operations, while generally being consistent with the local drayage component of Port Metro Vancouver’s TLS program that became effective February 2015.

For the purposes of access to the port, Port Metro Vancouver proposes to define long haul as:

*The direct transportation from a Marine Container Terminal to a point beyond the Lower Mainland or vice versa, of a specific marine container and its undisturbed, originally sealed content, using the same driver whose method of remuneration remains unchanged throughout the entire trip, and excludes any movement of a container which is subject to the Container Trucking Act, SBC 2014, chapter 28.*

As a key stakeholder in the drayage sector, you are invited to share your comments on the definition by emailing tls.reform@portmetrovancouver.com. Submissions will be accepted until October 27, 2015.

Following the close of the consultation period, Port Metro Vancouver will prepare a Consultation Summary Report, which will incorporate the feedback received throughout consultation, with the intent of having the new long haul component of the TLS program in effect by February 1, 2016.

As the consultation progresses, we will keep you informed. In the meantime, if you have any questions or would like any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at greg.rogge@portmetrovancouver.com or Mandy Chan at mandy.chan@portmetrovancouver.com.

Sincerely,

Greg Rogge
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