



# The American Companies

## "NEWS-UPDATE"

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### **PORT CHECK CARGO CLAIM FEE TO BE ASSESSED FOR LOS ANGELES AND LONG BEACH CLEAN TRUCK FEE PROGRAM**

As previously advised, the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach implemented the Clean Truck Fee assessing a per container fee of \$35/20' and \$70/40' for container moves performed by trucks that are not fully or partially exempt from the program. This was officially implemented on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Marine terminal operators have created a not-for-profit entity called Port Check to monitor and manage the payment process for the Clean Truck Fee by way of a web-portal [www.portcheck.org](http://www.portcheck.org). Port Check will receive data on the age of each truck entering marine terminals. The truck registry would be able to ascertain if the truck is either banned, subject to the Clean Truck Fee, or exempt. The data would be transmitted at the terminal gate by RFID tags currently issued to all truckers. It is important to note that it has been determined that it is the responsibility of the beneficial cargo owner to claim the cargo within this process.

Beneficial cargo owners, or intermediaries operating on their behalf, will be required to register with Port Check and establish credit terms much like the process that exists for Pier Pass. Those already registered with Pier Pass would not need to register again with Port Check.

With the above noted, we would like to inform you that The American Companies is already an active participant in both the Port Check and Pier Pass programs. If we are currently handling your cargo (inbound or outbound) through the ports of Los Angeles or Long Beach, please note that in order to avoid any delays or storage fees that could be assessed as a result of non-compliance, we will be charging the following administration fees, effective immediately for all cargo that was out/in gated on or after February 18, 2009 as follows as a result of this program:

#### **Port Check Cargo Claim Fee:**

\$20.00 per Bill of Lading for FCL (full container loads)

\$2.50 per additional container (after 1<sup>st</sup> if multiple containers exist per B/L)

\$3.00 per CBM for LCL (less than container load)

#### **Port Check Cargo Claim Fee & Pier Pass (when applicable) at the same time:**

\$25.00 per Bill of Lading for FCL (full container loads)

\$2.50 per additional container (after 1<sup>st</sup> if multiple containers exist per B/L)

\$5.00 per CBM for LCL (less than container load)

Please note that as a result of these programs and the realization of the impact it is having on you as the importer, The American Companies will also be reducing our Pier Pass Administration Fee to \$20 and \$2.50 per additional container on the same bill of lading. And when combined with the Port Check Administration Fee we will discount further by an additional \$15.00 and \$2.50 per additional container.

**IF YOU ARE A CURRENT CLIENT AND PLAN ON HANDLING THE PORT CHECK CARGO CLAIM ON YOUR OWN GOING FORWARD, PLEASE EMAIL US IMMEDIATELY AT: [PortPassPierPass@shipamerican.com](mailto:PortPassPierPass@shipamerican.com), SO THAT WE MAY MAKE RECORD ACCORDINGLY, AVOID DUPLICATION OF EFFORTS, PAYMENT OF FEES, AND REMOVE OURSELVES FROM THE PROCESS AND ANY LIABILITY YOU ARE TAKING AS THE BENEFICIAL CARGO OWNER.**

For more information on the Clean Trucks Program, we welcome you to please visit the following websites - <http://www.portoflosangeles.org/cleantrucks> and <http://www.polb.com/cleantrucks> or contact your TAC representative.

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