

## CONTAINER TERMINAL UPDATES

Good afternoon,

We've received many inquiries regarding the potential work stoppage, and we understand your concerns. Please know that we remain committed to supporting our partners during this time. While the information we have is limited, we want to share what we know so far:

- The USMX – ILA master contract expires at midnight on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- A work stoppage is expected on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 if negotiations fail to reach an agreement.
- The container terminals will receive export cargo through Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, we plan to work vessels and gates until 7 pm.
- If a window is set to open on Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup> the cargo will be allowed to ingate until the gate closes at 6 pm. Receiving windows for vessels working after September 30<sup>th</sup> will be impacted, please be sure to monitor the vessel schedules/ERD/Cutoffs
- We encourage imports to be picked up as soon as possible, anything in the yard after 7 pm on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, will be unavailable until the work stoppage ends. On the days the container terminal gates are closed, storage to the line and Import Dwell Fee will not apply.
- If the risk of a work stoppage remains during the week of September 23rd, Port Houston will evaluate the need for additional gate hours. We do plan to offer a Saturday Gate on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Please look for confirmations early next week.
- In the event of a work stoppage, we will consider extended gate hours once operations resume to ensure a quick and smooth recovery for everyone.

Leading up to September 30<sup>th</sup>, we expect normal business operations. We will continue to monitor the situation closely and provide updates as we receive more information. Thank you for your patience.

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