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**WORLD'S LARGEST CONTAINER SHIP ARRIVES
8,500-TEU CSCL ASIA Makes Maiden Call**

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The largest of the world's largest container ships, China Shipping Container Lines' 8,500-TEU *CSCL Asia*, is scheduled to arrive Saturday, July 24, for its maiden call at the Port of Long Beach. The ship will dock at the Total Terminals International mega-terminal at Pier T on Terminal Island.

The newly built *CSCL Asia* is 1,096 feet long, which is longer than three football fields, and 140 feet wide, which is 30 feet wider than the Panama Canal. The *CSCL Asia* can carry enough cargo to completely fill a 1 million-square-foot regional shopping center with products eight feet high.

The *CSCL Asia* is among a new generation of 8,000-twenty-foot-equivalent-unit (TEU) vessels that have begun to call at the Port of Long Beach, one of the only U.S. ports with the deep channels and large shipping terminals capable of handling these giant vessels fully loaded. Only five years ago, the first 6,000-TEU ships called in Long Beach.

The *CSCL Asia* is the first of five 8,500-TEU vessels that China Shipping has ordered from Samsung Heavy Industries of South Korea. The others will be delivered during the next two years. China Shipping also has ordered eight 9,600-TEU ships. The *CSCL Asia* is deployed in a transpacific service that calls in China in Shanghai, Xiamen, Yantian and Hong Kong, and then crosses the Pacific to Long Beach and Oakland before returning to Shanghai.

Based in Shanghai, China Shipping is a subsidiary of China Shipping (Group) Co. and one of the world's leading container carriers. The company shipped 3.5 million TEUs in 2003, and it expects to ship 4 million TEUs in 2004.

During this summer of the mega-ships, four other lines have or will be calling with 8,000-TEU ships in Long Beach, including Orient Overseas Container Line (OOCL), China Ocean Shipping Co. (COSCO), CMA CGM and Mediterranean Shipping Co. (MSC). Of these giants, the China Shipping vessels have the largest declared capacity.

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