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FIRST U.S. LINES VESSEL ARRIVES
New Transpacific Container Line Calls at Pier T

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Fourteen days after departing Hong Kong, U.S. Lines' first vessel – the *Masovia* – arrived right on schedule at mid-morning Tuesday, Jan. 13, making its maiden call at Total Terminals International's Pier T facility in Long Beach.

“Schedule integrity is highly important to USL, so we are very pleased to announce an on time arrival at the inception of our service, demonstrating to our valued shippers that they can depend on us,” said Ed Aldridge, U.S. Line's president and CEO.

The *Masovia* is scheduled to depart Long Beach on Thursday morning, Jan. 15, returning to Shekou, South China, and Hong Kong.

Giving new life to one of the older and more respected names in the ocean carrier industry, U.S. Lines is the newest entrant in the transpacific trade. The line, headquartered in Santa Ana, Calif., is one of the few transpacific carriers whose corporate headquarters is based in the United States.

The management-owned company will initially offer a bi-weekly service. However, following the Lunar New Year (Jan. 22) holiday the service will become a fixed-day, weekly service.

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