



## News Update



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# PortCheck to Collect Clean Trucks Fee

## Cargo owners urged to register with PortCheck at PierPass web site

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PortCheck, the not-for-profit company created by the West Coast Marine Terminal Operator Agreement (WCMTOA) to collect the Clean Truck Fee (CTF) for the Port of Los Angeles and Port of Long Beach, will begin to collect the fee on November 17, 2008. This follows the launch of the Clean Trucks Program's electronic gate access system at marine container terminals on November 10.

Under the ports' program, the beneficial cargo owner (the party named on the bill of lading) is responsible for paying the Clean Trucks Fee. The fee will be payable by credit card or electronic funds transfer, and must be paid before a container can enter or leave the terminals.

Before the fee can be paid, the cargo must be claimed. Beginning November 17, no cargo will be allowed to enter or exit from a marine container terminal unless the cargo has been claimed.

Cargo owners can begin to familiarize themselves with the process of claiming cargo beginning Monday, November 3, by visiting the PortCheck page at [www.pierpass-tmf.org](http://www.pierpass-tmf.org). (The PortCheck web site, [www.portcheck.org](http://www.portcheck.org), is under construction). Cargo owners that are already registered in PierPASS will automatically be uploaded into PortCheck. Cargo owners that are automatically uploaded from PierPASS into PortCheck will first have to accept the terms and conditions of PortCheck before their account will be extended into PortCheck.

Beginning Monday, November 3, PortCheck encourages cargo owners to visit the Pierpass website ([www.pierpass-tmf.org](http://www.pierpass-tmf.org)) to make sure they are registered, and to familiarize themselves with how it looks, how to navigate its pages, and to begin to claim cargo.

PortCheck urges cargo owners that are not in PierPASS to register on the PierPASS site (<https://owa.polb.com/exchweb/bin/redirect.asp?URL=http://www.pierpass-tmf.org/>). These records will automatically be uploaded to PortCheck. Beginning November 3<sup>rd</sup>, cargo owners will be able to register thru the PortCheck website.

