



NASSAU CONTAINER PORT

NOTICE TO CARRIERS NO. 1 of 2015

## Port Tariff Amendment

**June 1, 2015**

**To: Ocean Carriers calling at the Nassau Container Port**

The Ministry of Finance has advised APD Limited, as the owner and operator of the Nassau Container Port, that Bahamas Customs will introduce a Customs Security Surcharge with an effective date of July 1, 2015. The Ministry of Finance has instructed APD Limited to bill and collect the Customs Security Surcharge on behalf of the Ministry of Finance. Freight equipment and vehicles imported or exported as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 will be subject to the Customs Security Surcharge.


**A Customs Security Surcharge will be implemented on July 1, 2015 and will apply as follows:-**

- \$10 per Import TEU loaded and empty freight equipment (only assessed on foreign origin containers, tanks, lowboys and flatracks)
- \$10 per Export TEU loaded and empty freight equipment (only assessed on foreign destination containers, tanks, lowboys and flatracks)
- \$10 per Import Vehicle of any size (only assessed on foreign origin vehicles)
- \$10 per Export Vehicle of any size (only assessed on vehicles with a foreign destination)

NOTE: Freight equipment “greater than” 20ft will be assessed \$20 per unit each way.

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**Additionally, the Ministry of Finance has advised APD Limited that Wrecked Vehicles and Vehicles 10 years of age and older will not be processed by Bahamas Customs as of September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.**

- Wrecked Vehicles defined as vehicles that have a non-repairable/non-rebuildable title will not be processed by Bahamas Customs as of September 1<sup>st</sup> 2015. This will impact the ocean carrier as follows:
  - Vehicles with a non-repairable/non-rebuildable title that have been imported to Nassau prior to September 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 and have not been cleared by August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 will not be processed by Bahamas Customs. Bahamas Customs has advised that the Carrier which provided the ocean transportation will be responsible for exporting the vehicle from the Bahamas at their expense.
  - Bahamas Customs has advised that effective September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, Carriers that accept vehicles with a non-repairable/non-rebuildable title and ship them to the Bahamas will be responsible for exporting the vehicle from the Bahamas at their expense.
- Vehicles that are 10 years of age and older will not be processed by Bahamas Customs as of September 1<sup>st</sup> 2015. This will impact the ocean carrier as follows:
  - Vehicles 10 years of age and older that have been imported to Nassau prior to September 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 and have not been cleared by August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 will not be processed by Bahamas Customs. Bahamas Customs has advised that the Carrier which provided the ocean transportation will be responsible for exporting the vehicle from the Bahamas at their expense.
  - Bahamas Customs has advised that effective September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, Carriers that accept vehicles 10 years of age and older and ship them to the Bahamas will be responsible for exporting the vehicle from the Bahamas at their expense.

NOTE: Importers may apply to the Comptroller of Bahamas Customs for permission to import a Vehicle 10 years of age and older which is designated as an antique, classic or vintage model. If permitted, the Comptroller will issue an authorization letter which the Importer may present to the Carrier.

**For further information please contact Nassau Container Port at 242-323-7064**

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