

participants also discussed the industry being slow to move to more accurate and efficient methods for data transmission, such as Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) and Application Programming Interface (API), which are more timely and often more accurate. To build on the information gathered during these meetings, the Commission is seeking public comments on the following questions related to maritime data transmission, accessibility, and accuracy. The purpose of these questions is to seek information about data sharing practices, not information about specific customers/partners and commenters should not name specific customers/partners when responding. The Commission has segmented the questions into categories specific to certain stakeholders but is also interested in hearing from the public who may respond to all of the questions.

Transportation Service Providers (e.g., Ocean Carriers, Marine Terminal Operators (MTOs), Licensed Motor Carriers (LMCs), Railroad Operators Who Transport International Maritime Cargo)

1. What are the largest barriers that currently exist that prevent you from sharing data with shippers/Beneficial Cargo Owners (BCOs)?
2. How much effort and/or cost would it take to adapt your existing computer systems to be able to share more data with shippers/BCOs?
3. What concerns do you have about providing additional data to shippers/BCOs?
4. What are your preferred means to provide data to shippers/BCOs. (e.g., EDI, API, email)?
5. Are there innovative methods you use for transmitting information with your highest volume shippers/BCOs?
6. What can shippers/BCOs do to better predict container availability, earliest return date, etc.?
7. What data would you be willing to provide openly to the public? What would you only provide to the shipper/BCO/others in the direct supply chain for a container?
8. What data are collected and controlled by other parties in the supply chain that influence your business operations?

Importers/Exporters (e.g., BCOs, Shippers)

1. What are the data points during the shipping process that are least likely to be available/accurate? What are the most accurate and visible data points?
2. What data points are the most important to have accurate and in advance to facilitate planning of

service? How often do you receive them accurately and in advance? How are changes communicated to you?

3. What is the best way for you to receive data from carriers/MTOs/etc. (e.g., EDI, API, email)?

4. How do you currently receive data from carriers/MTOs/etc. (e.g., EDI, API, email)?

5. What share of containers do you believe to be available but when you attempt to pick them up, they are not available? What is the cost impact of these delays?

6. What share of containers could you have picked up earlier if you had been notified that they were available earlier? What is the cost impact of these delays?

III. Public Participation

How do I prepare and submit comments?

You may submit comments by using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov under Docket No. FMC-2023-0016. Please follow the instructions provided on the Federal eRulemaking Portal to submit comments.

How do I submit confidential business information?

The Commission will provide confidential treatment for identified confidential information to the extent allowed by law. If you would like to request confidential treatment, pursuant to 46 CFR 502.5, you must submit the following, by email, to secretary@fmc.gov:

- A transmittal letter requesting confidential treatment that identifies the specific information in the comment for which protection is sought and demonstrates that the information is a trade secret or other confidential research, development, or commercial information.
- A confidential copy of your comment, consisting of the complete filing with a cover page marked "Confidential-Restricted," and the confidential material clearly marked on each page.
- A public version of your comment with the confidential information excluded. The public version must state "Public Version—confidential materials excluded" on the cover page and on each affected page and must clearly indicate any information withheld.

Will the Commission consider late comments?

The Commission will consider all comments received before the close of business on the comment closing date indicated above under **DATES**. To the

extent possible, we will also consider comments received after that date.

How can I read comments submitted by other people?

You may read the comments received by the Commission at www.regulations.gov under Docket No. FMC-2023-0016.

By the Commission.

William Cody,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Agreements Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of filing of the following agreements under the Shipping Act of 1984. Interested parties may submit comments, relevant information, or documents regarding the agreements to the Secretary by email at Secretary@fmc.gov, or by mail, Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, Washington, DC 20573. Comments will be most helpful to the Commission if received within 12 days of the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**, and the Commission requests that comments be submitted within 7 days on agreements that request expedited review. Copies of agreements are available through the Commission's website (www.fmc.gov) or by contacting the Office of Agreements at (202)-523-5793 or tradeanalysis@fmc.gov.

Agreement No.: 201228-003.

Agreement Name: Port of Seattle/Port of Tacoma Alliance Agreement.

Parties: Port of Seattle; Port of Tacoma.

Filing Party: Juliet Campbell; The Northwest Seaport Alliance.

Synopsis: The Amendment updates the Charter to clarify certain issues related to finances, litigation and insurance practices, and process related to negotiations and funding of tribal agreements. The Amendment also restates the Agreement.

Proposed Effective Date: 9/18/2023.

Location: <https://www2.fmc.gov/FMC/Agreements.Web/Public/AgreementHistory/2077>.

Dated: August 11, 2023.

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