

**Hutchison Ports Australia** 



Brisbane Container Terminals



# **Terminal Carrier Access**

# **Terms and Conditions**

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# Overview

Hutchison Ports Australia Pty Ltd (HPA), a subsidiary of Hutchison Port Holdings (HPH), operates the HPA container terminals Brisbane Container Terminals (BCT), and Sydney International Container Terminals (SICTL) (collectively, the HPA Terminals). This document outlines the terms and conditions for use of and access to the online HPA Portal and the HPA Terminals by all Customers and Carriers (including truck access) to the HPA Terminals (Terms and Conditions). The Terms and Conditions set out the rules and procedures that are designed to make the truck and container exchange operation at the HPA Terminals as efficient as possible.

#### Terms and Conditions Validity and Acceptance

These Terms and Conditions are valid from 1 January, 2016. HPA may vary these Terms and Conditions at any time by placing a notice on the HPA Portal advising that the Terms and Conditions have changed. You will be deemed to have accepted and agreed to these and any revised Terms and Conditions if you continue to use any login or the Truck Appointment System (TAS) area of the Portal after notice of the revised Terms and Conditions has been placed on the Portal including the 'Use of Information' provisions, 'Terminal Truck and Container Receiving and Delivery' procedures, and the payment terms. If you undertake any such actions on behalf of a Customer or Carrier, then you warrant and represent that you are able to do so on behalf of that Customer or Carrier (as appropriate).

#### **Terminal Carrier Access**

All trucks accessing an HPA Terminal must have a confirmed truck manifest. The HPA Portal and the TAS area of the Portal provides a single place for Carriers: to view vessel and container information, to enquire and pay container storage; to manage appointments; and to set up truck manifests and view truck performance. The TAS will provide a Manifest PIN to the Carrier upon acceptance of a proposed truck manifest. Truck access to an HPA Terminal is by way of the truck driver being in possession of a valid Maritime Security Identity Card (MSIC) (which must be provided by the driver on request by HPA) and providing the Manifest PIN at the HPA Terminal entrance.

#### HPA's Responsibilities

HPA will use reasonable endeavors to provide information on vessel schedules and containers on the HPA Portal and will maintain the associated services to allow Carriers to manage their appointments and truck manifests. HPA also will use reasonable endeavors to ensure that information available in the HPA Portal as provided by third parties is correct and up to date.

HPA will endeavor to make Appointments available to meet its Customers demand but this is subject to the service capacity of the HPA Terminal and the constraints of legislation requirements.

HPA will provide a safe operating environment at the HPA Terminal including safe operating procedures that apply to trucks and drivers.

HPA will use reasonable endeavors to provide an efficient truck service to the Carriers and will communicate to Carriers delays in truck servicing by HPA however caused but, without limitation to the other provisions of these Terms and Conditions, HPA is not responsible for delays caused by circumstances beyond HPA's control; except as legislated by government bodies.

## **Customer's Responsibilities**

The Customer in the context of these Terms and Conditions includes shipping companies, truck operators, train operators, shippers, consignees, port operators, State and Federal government agencies, industry bodies; or agents of these entities.

The Customer must ensure that only accurate and up-to-date information is provided through the HPA Portal; as HPA will rely on timely and accurate information to plan the container exchanges on the Terminal landside and waterside interfaces, as well as placement and handling of containers in the Terminal yard, including compliance with regulatory and safety requirements.

#### **Carrier's Responsibilities**

The Carrier must ensure that accurate information is provided in the truck manifest as HPA will use the truck manifest information to plan the container exchange operation, including consolidating containers locations to minimize Truck Turnaround Time (TTT).

The Carrier will check that all containers are ready for exchange, undertake a visual inspection and ensure that the container is free of all impediments and all non-current placards have been removed, prior to dispatching the truck to the HPA Terminal or additional fees may apply.

The Carrier must ensure that the truck complies with the relevant authorities' requirements for safe operation; and the truck driver has a valid Maritime Security Identity Card (MSIC) and undertaken the relevant HPA Site Safety Induction program.

The Carrier and all truck drivers under its direction must be aware of and comply with State transport laws and regulations, including the Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW) PBLIS requirements.

The Carrier must ensure that, during the truck visit at an HPA Terminal, the truck driver complies with the instructions of the HPA Terminal staff to ensure that the container exchange happens in a safe and efficient manner.

The Carrier must ensure that the truck and trailer(s) dispatched to the Terminal for container exchange is of suitable design and condition to allow safe exchange and securing and carriage of the manifested containers, including transit to and from the HPA Terminal. The Carrier responsibilities include ensuring compliance with the relevant 'Chain of Responsibilities' (COR) requirements as per the applicable State and Federal legislation.

HPA will not service the truck or container (non-service) at a Terminal if the container is not ready (for example, if it is Customs held, there is storage owing, it is not in yard or it is damaged), the truck is not suitable or safe, or the driver does not have a valid MSIC or otherwise is not allowed in the Terminal. The non-service of one or more manifested containers may result in Terminal handling fees being charged to the Carrier, except to the extent that the non-service is caused by any act or omission of HPA. These charges may include but are not limited to: Appointment fees, no show fees, non-service charges, and container re-handling fees due to truck overloading or other reasons.

#### The HPA Portal

The HPA Portal provides online access to vessel and container information for Carriers and Customers.

# Use of Information from the Portal

The Portal makes available information that HPA receives from you and others regarding certain goods in transit. You may only use the Portal for the purposes of accessing that information to manage the exchange of containers containing your goods at HPA Terminals. Any use by you of the Portal other than, or in addition to, that purpose is prohibited. Copying or re-distribution of the information available on the Portal is expressly prohibited.

# HPA Portal - Public Page and Login Area

The HPA Portal Public Area is accessible to the general public for non-secure information. The HPA Portal Login Area is accessible to HPA's registered users and provides secure information, online reports and TAS services.

HPA Portal Online Information – Online information includes vessel schedules, export receiving time windows, import availability, Customs status, container details and container storage details.

Online Services - Online Services include input of Pre-Receival advices (PRA) and container storage payments.

HPA Online Reports will be customized for HPA's Customers to show vessel and truck performance and exchange reports. The reported information will be filtered to ensure that each Customer will be able to access data that it is entitled to view.

Access to the HPA TAS is via www.hpaportal.com.au

Please refer to the HPA Portal User Guide for details and assistance with the use of this Portal.

#### The HPA TAS Overview

The HPA Truck Appointment System (TAS) is accessible through the HPA Portal. The HPA TAS is a single system for Carriers to manage the exchange of containers at HPA Terminals. It includes facilities for Carriers to book, edit (if available) and view Appointments; and manifest truck trips. Online information and services are available in the HPA Portal to support the Appointments and truck manifesting processes and to review truck performance. New TAS features will be developed and progressively introduced.

The TAS provides a system of Appointments based on planned Terminal service capacity. Daily, and in advance, HPA will determine the volume of containers that can be handled by the Terminal in any given time zone and then make available equivalent number of Appointments in the TAS. A registered Carrier can make an inquiry into TAS before making the appropriate Public Appointment booking. At its sole discretion, HPA will book an appointment for a registered Carrier and for a specified container (Private Appointments)

The system's booking integrity is maintained by validating the data entered by the Carrier against either container availability (for imports) and/or vessel receiving/cutoff (for exports) as per the HPA business rules as well as containers Customs status and storage owed.

To encourage good utilization of Appointments and efficient TAS operations, HPA reserves the right to levy TAS service charges, including but not limiting to Appointment fees, late listing, early/late arrival, non-service, and 'No Show' fees. HPA will publish these terminal landside tariffs in the HPA Portal. In Sydney, some charges are applicable to HPA or Carriers as per TfNSW PBLIS requirements.

Access to the HPA TAS is via <u>www.hpaportal.com.au</u>

Please refer to the HPA TAS User Guide for further details and assistance.

# Security of HPA Portal

HPA will take reasonable steps to ensure the security and confidentiality of information that Carriers and Customers submit via the HPA Portal. However, HPA cannot guarantee against any loss, damage, alteration or misuse of the content or material and (without limitation to the other provisions of these Terms and Conditions) will not be responsible for any harm that Carriers, Customers or any other person may suffer in connection with any loss, damage, alteration or misuse of information provided via the HPA Portal. Any information collected via the HPA Portal which is "personal information" within the meaning of the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) is collected, stored and used in accordance with this Act.

# **Carrier Registration Requirements**

The HPA TAS is available to approved bona fide Carriers that directly manage and operate trucks, on a continuous basis, carrying containers to and from the HPA Terminals. Carriers are required to complete registration procedures and pay an annual subscription fee as per industry standard (refer to the Service Fees section below). Only one registration per ABN is allowed, and each Carrier will be assigned a unique Carrier code. Each Carrier will be given unique user logins; which Carriers must take all reasonable steps to keep their login details secure so that it is not copied or used by any unauthorized person. Carriers must immediately notify HPA if they become aware that another person has used their user name or password or if their registration to the HPA TAS is compromised in any way.

At its sole discretion and without providing reasons, HPA may suspend access to the HPA Portal, the Terminals or the provision of HPA Terminal services to a Carrier. This may occur in the case of the Carrier failing to comply with these Terms and Conditions or site specific safety directions, or failure to pay the applicable Service Fees.

#### TAS Services – Business Rules

# Appointment Booking Opening Times

HPA will use reasonable endeavors to ensure the Appointment booking service using TAS is available every day of the year; however, the HPA Portal may be temporarily unavailable from time to time due to scheduled maintenance or other activities. Without limitation to the other provisions of these Terms and Conditions, HPA takes no responsibility for and will not be liable for the HPA Portal being unavailable.

#### **Release of Appointments**

The first release of Appointments is two working days before an Appointment day, at the scheduled Appointment release times. HPA may at its discretion make a second release of Appointments one working day before the Appointment day. HPA may vary the Appointment release schedule particularly around public holidays to facilitate work planning by the Carriers. HPA will, for each Terminal, publish the scheduled and ad hoc release times on the HPA Portal.

# Ad Hoc Release

As mentioned above, HPA may from time to time, at its sole discretion, make ad hoc release times available. In which case HPA will broadcast the ad hoc release times in the HPA Portal for each Terminal and release the additional Appointments at the broadcast release time so that all Carriers will have an equal opportunity to book an Appointment.

#### **Appointment Directions**

HPA will release in each time zone a number of Appointments for containers 'Export (To)' and Import (From)' the Terminal; as well as a number of 'Unspecified' Appointments which may be used for exports or imports.

#### Appointment Booking Access

To prevent speculative booking, each Carrier's access will be limited by a maximum number of Appointments per booking request and a set time interval between consecutive booking requests by the same Carrier. Also, booking by the Carrier is subject to the other terms of this document - in particular see the Un-containerized & Non-Standard section of these Terms and Conditions.

#### Time Zone Information

Each day is divided into 24 time zones from Monday to Sunday as follows:

ZONE	TIME	ZONE	TIME
00	0000-0100	13	1300-1400
01	0100-0200	14	1400-1500
02	0200-0300	15	1500-1600
03	0300-0400	16	1600-1700
04	0400-0500	17	1700-1800
05	0500-0600	18	1800-1900
06	0600-0700	19	1900-2000
07	0700-0800	20	2000-2100
08	0800-0900	21	2100-2200
09	0900-1000	22	2200-2300
10	1000-1100	23	2300-2400
11	1100-1200		
12	1200-1300		

#### One Appointment for each Container

Each container movement must be covered by an Appointment booking. As such, if a truck were to bring in two containers and pick up one container the Carrier would need three separate Appointment bookings consisting of two export Appointments and one import Appointment. Appointment numbers consist of 10 numeric characters that indicate the month, date, hour and the fourth character Appointment number is unique for that day.

# **Changing Appointment Direction**

With the exception of 'Unspecified' Appointments, an 'Export' Appointment cannot be changed to an 'Import' Appointment and vice-versa after the initial booking.

# Confirming an Appointment

A booked Appointment needs to be confirmed within a number of hours of the booking (the number of hours may change depending on HPA operations), failing which the Appointment will return to the pool of available Appointments and become accessible to all Carriers to book that Appointment. The process of 'Confirming an Appointment' on the Portal involves nominating a valid import container number (import Appointment) or an export vessel voyage that is open for receiving exports (export Appointment).

# Edit/View Appointment Bookings

A Carrier can view the details of all Appointments booked for their organization only. A Carrier can make changes to a confirmed Appointment as many times as required (subject to availability) until the truck arrival at the Terminal or when the Appointment/truck manifest editing cut-off time for the Appointment direction and time zone cuts in, whichever happens earlier.

# Listing an Appointment

Unless an Appointment is linked to a truck manifest, a Carrier can list a booked or confirmed Appointment (return it to the pool) at any time. However, the Carrier acknowledges and agrees that the Appointment remains the responsibility of the Carrier unless/until it is 'picked up' by another Carrier. This responsibility includes Appointment fees and no show fees, as applicable. A Carrier cannot list a booked or confirmed Private Appointment.

#### **Private Appointments**

At its sole discretion, HPA will issue Private Appointments to Carriers to support the exchange of late containers, hazardous, over-dimensional containers, early containers, or other special containers. Each Private Appointment is issued to a named Carrier, is of a specified direction (import or export), and in most cases for a specified container number. As mentioned above, listing does not apply to Private Appointments. The Carrier acknowledges and agrees that Private Appointments will attract different Appointment fees.

#### **Terminal Appointments**

At its sole direction, HPA will issue Terminal Appointments to specified Carriers to support the exchange of containers. These Appointments will mostly be issued to facilitate the movement of large quantity of containers that cannot be effectively handled by Public Appointments. The Carrier acknowledges and agrees that Terminal Appointments will attract higher Appointment fees.

#### Late Receivals

HPA may at its discretion approve the receiving of export containers after the relevant cut-off time and after consultation with the vessel operator. Application for late receivals must come through the shipping company. HPA may issue Private Appointments for a Terminal to the Carrier to cover late containers as agreed by the shipping company.

#### **Truck Manifesting**

Trucks entering an HPA Terminal must have a valid 'truck manifest'. This requirement will minimize truck turnaround times at the Terminal. The truck manifesting process links the truck registration to one or more Appointments on the same truck trip. A valid, unique container number must be nominated by the Carrier for each export Appointment at the time of manifesting if not already done prior. A matching electronic Import Delivery Order (eIDO) PIN also must be provided by the Carrier for each import container at the time of truck manifesting if not done prior. The TAS will warn the Carrier of any Customs holds, if storage is owed or if the container is not yet discharged but will allow the truck manifest to proceed at Carrier's own risk. Carriers can use the TAS to modify the truck manifest (change to another confirmed container) or pay container storage as required to ensure that all containers are ready for exchange prior to the truck's arrival at the HPA Terminal. The Carrier also needs to identify the driver MSIC, the truck trailer type and other operational information to make the exchange operation as smooth as possible. Upon acceptance of each truck manifest, the HPA TAS will issue to the Carrier a unique Manifest PIN for the truck to gain access to the Terminal.

# Freezing of Confirmed Truck Manifest

To allow the truck to complete all container exchanges in one location in the Terminal, all imports associated with a truck manifest cannot be changed within a number of hours of booking (the number of hours may change depending on HPA operations) prior to time zone start.

#### **Bulk Runs**

The TAS support 'Bulk Run In' of empty containers. 'Bulk Run In' of empty containers will be approved at HPA's sole discretion to facilitate the movement of large quantities of empty containers to meet an export vessel. Each 'Bulk Run In' will be limited to a specified quantity of containers of specified size, type and height, for a specified vessel voyage, line operator, and port of discharge, as well as a specified time window for the 'Bulk Run In' to occur.

# **Documentation Requirements**

#### **Unique Container Numbers**

A container number must be unique within its category (export or import) and confirmed against one Appointment at a time.

#### Exports

The industry standard Pre Receival Advice (PRA) will have to be lodged electronically or manually via the TAS by the Carrier before the applicable cut-off time for the container. When an export container number is nominated to an Appointment, the TAS will check whether there is a valid accepted PRA for the container; as well as validating the Appointment date and time zone before the applicable cut-off time for the container.

Carriers must ensure that the shipper or his agent checks the information declared on a Pre-Receival Advice (PRA), including that the 'Container Verified Gross Mass' is completed and correct. A request to change container records once the containers are received into the HPA Terminal will be referred to the shipping company, and may lead to handling charges for the Carrier.

#### Imports

*Carriers must provide the matching eIDO PIN number(s) against import containers to complete the truck manifesting in TAS. Under Bond Movements will require appropriate Customs authorization.* 

# Hazardous Imports & Exports

*Carries must provide all relevant hazardous documents (or declarations) required by federal and state governing bodies to the relevant authorities and the vessel's master.* HPA Portal will only capture hazardous information as declared on PRA's and the import bay plan file data.

# Un-containerized & Non-Standard Lifts

Carriers must contact HPA directly at the Terminal to provide details of the cargo and to seek Private Appointment from the Terminal for exchange of any Un-containerized Lifts and Non-Standard Lifts at a specified time.

*Carriers are responsible for ensuring that all data and documentation are correct to ensure safe and efficient handling of the cargo.* 

# TfNSW PBLIS Requirements

*TfNSW PBLIS requirements govern many aspects of the TAS rules including penalties that may apply to the Carrier or the SICTL Terminal. Carriers should familiarize themselves with the latest TfNSW* 

PBLIS requirements, as outlined in NSW Ports and Maritime Administration Regulation 2012, and the latest Port Botany Landside Operations Mandatory Standards.

#### Truck Arrival at the HPA Terminal – Business Rules Overview

*Prior to presenting each truck at the Terminal the Carrier must ensure that the following criteria are met:* 

- (a) there must be an appointment for every container to be handled and linked to an approved truck manifest;
- (b) the vehicle presented meets legislative and regulatory requirements for the intended *purpose;*
- (c) the truck driver carries a valid MSIC and is up-to-date with the HPA Site Safety Induction program;
- (d) import containers have been discharged;
- (e) import containers have no impediments to delivery e.g. storage payment, Customs, shipping line, etc;
- (f) exports are within applicable receival periods and cut offs;
- (g) export containers have a PRA acceptance from HPA for the Terminal; and
- (h) special container handling requirements and procedures e.g. over-dimensional, reefer, hazardous have been arranged.

All Carriers are reminded that only containers that have received the necessary clearances, including ACBPS/DAFF clearances, will be released. Carriers are responsible for checking that each container is available for delivery prior to arriving at the Terminal. Any container storage fees that are owed must be paid by the consignee or agent before a container can be picked up.

# Truck Arrival – Truck Manifest PIN, Early, Late, and No Shows

The Manifest PIN associated with the approved truck manifest must be used to gain entry at the Terminal gate.

The unique Appointment number provided by the HPA TAS identifies the time zone. Trucks are required to arrive at the Terminal within the manifested time zone. For example, a truck using a zone 07 appointment should arrive between 0700 and 0759hours. It is the Carriers' responsibility to allow for any traffic delays including possible queuing in the approach to the Terminal gate, in order to arrive within the allocated time zone. Trucks that arrive outside their allocated time zone can expect to be directed away from the Terminal by HPA.

At its absolute discretion, HPA may extend the valid truck arrival window for a Terminal for a grace period which will be broadcast via the HPA Portal.

At its sole discretion, HPA may allow early and late trucks to enter the Terminal but Carriers acknowledged and agree that they may be charged early/ late fees (as applicable). Please refer to the Service Fees Section in these Terms and Conditions.

The Carrier acknowledges and agrees that a no show fee will apply where an Appointment is not utilized at the Terminal. (I.e. The scheduled container truck does not arrive at the Terminal.) This may include trucks that arrives 'late' but rejected by the Terminal.

# Trucks and Chain of Responsibility (COR) Chain of Responsibility

HPA takes its responsibilities under Chain of Responsibility legislation seriously. It is a condition of entry to the Terminal that the Carriers ensure they and their trucks comply with all relevant legislative requirements.

# **Truck Mass Limits**

The Carrier must ensure that the individual axle group weights and gross mass of their trucks are within the legal limits to cart loads into and out of the Terminal. Carriers must ensure that trucks used to carry cargo to and from the Terminal comply with all relevant legal requirements and weight restrictions. The Carrier must ensure that the truck and driver carries the relevant permits/ certification in relation to Truck mass limits.

HPA relies on the cargo weight advice supplied by shipping lines, Carriers and the other parties in the supply chain as being true and correct and (without limitation to the other provisions of these Terms and Conditions) will accept no liability if any such advice is inaccurate or incorrect.

# Truck Height Limits and Out of Gauge Loads

The Carrier must ensure that the total height of the truck and the container(s)/cargoes onboard do not exceed the legal height limits set by any of the relevant traffic authorities. The Carrier must ensure that the truck and driver carries the relevant permits/certification in relation to truck height limit and out of gauge loads.

# Hazardous Containers

The Carrier must ensure that the truck carries and display the appropriate placards for all hazardous containers on the truck as required by the relevant regulatory bodies. The Carrier must ensure that the truck and driver carries the relevant permits/certification in relation to carriage of the appropriate hazardous containers.

# Truck Drivers

Maritime Security Identity Card (MSIC) – Carriers must ensure that all truck drivers hold a valid MSIC and carry the card with them at all times when they are in a HPA Terminal. HPA employees may check that the driver has the MSIC at all process points in the HPA Terminal. The Carrier must also ensure that all truckers are aware of and must comply with the requirements set out in Terminal Receiving and Delivery Procedure documents on the HPA Portal.

Truck Driver Terminal Induction - Only truck drivers who have successfully completed the HPA Site Safety Induction program will be allowed entry into the HPA Terminal. The HPA Site Safety Induction program is uploaded as part of the MSIC application such that when a driver selects the relevant HPA Terminal, the driver must complete and pass the online HPA Site Safety Induction program training before terminal access will be granted. The status of the driver's HPA Site Safety Induction program information may be embedded in the driver's MSIC and the Carrier must ensure that the induction is kept up to date. Truck Driver Personal Protective Equipment – Carriers must ensure that all drivers wear the mandatory personal protective equipment (PPE) for the Terminal – including a high visibility vest or high visibility clothing, safety shoes, hard hat and safety eyewear. All PPE must comply with the relevant Australian Standards. Trucks carrying passengers or animals will not be allowed access to the Terminal. If so, the Carrier acknowledges and agrees that it may be charged a non-service fee.

Inter-action between drivers, HPA employees at the Terminal, contractors, and visitors – HPA management expects the inter-action between its employees, the drivers, contractors and visitors to the Terminal to be professional; and that those individuals will treat each other with common courtesy. HPA management reserves the right to remove any party from its Terminals who uses offensive language or displays unacceptable behaviour.

*Non-Service - Non-service of a truck due to the driver not meeting the requirements outlined in this document will lead to the Carrier being charged applicable fees.* 

Banning of Drivers - HPA may ban a driver from accessing the Terminal if there is repeated violation of the requirements outlined in this document and the relevant Terminal Receiving and Delivery Procedure documents published on the HPA Portal.

#### **Truck Drivers Fatigue Management**

Carriers must ensure that drivers do not exceed their maximum regulated hours for driving and working. Whilst HPA shall assist as much as practicable by notifying delays, all Carriers are responsible for managing their drivers' hours. Carriers must change over drivers who have worked their maximum number of hours. Where a Carrier does not have the ability to replace a driver, the Carrier must cancel the move and withdraw the truck from the Terminal.

Carriers may be required to demonstrate compliance with fatigue management regulations. Carriers found to be non-compliant may have their access to the Terminal suspended until they can demonstrate that effective procedures have been implemented to ensure compliance with the applicable laws.

#### Safety Obligations and Safe Working Procedures

Each Carrier must ensure that its drivers:

- (a) at all times in or about the Terminal conduct themselves in a safe and efficient manner;
- (b) immediately report to HPA any accident including damage to property or other hazards;
- (c) comply with HPA's Drug & Alcohol policy including random testing or mandatory testing for all accidents, at Carriers expense;
- (d) in the event of an emergency, comply with the instructions of HPA employees, in particular HPA's area wardens;
- (e) comply with HPA's Security and Occupational Health & Safety requirements, including the Terminal's specific safety requirements as set out on signage or otherwise published on the HPA Portal from time to time and
- (f) comply with all applicable legislation and regulations including the requirements of the Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Act 2003 (MTOFSA).

# Truck Movements within the HPA Terminal

The Terminal has rules covering traffic flow directions and procedures for all vehicles in the Terminal. These are in place for the safety of drivers, Terminal employees and other visitors. Entry into the Terminal obligates Carriers and their employees, contractors and agents to adhere to these safety instructions, and any reasonable instructions from Terminal staff.

#### Trucks Suitability

At its sole discretion, HPA may specify what types of trucks may be used at the Terminals to ensure a safe and efficient operation.

#### Exceptional Circumstances

#### **Unforeseen Events**

Without limitation to the other provisions of these Terms and Conditions, a party will not be liable for any delay in or for any failure to perform its obligations under these Terms and Conditions to the extent that the party is able to demonstrate that such delay or failure has been caused by one or more of the following events:

- (a) significant weather events which cause interruption or cessation of Terminal operations and/or truck movements;
- (b) acts of or instructions from any external regulator, port authority or emergency services provider that has an impact on the ability of the Terminal to operate road receival/delivery;
- (c) utility, lighting or other power outage, failure or diminution in supply that impacts the Terminal's operations;
- (d) IT systems outage or interruption that impacts the Terminal's operations including the ability to manage road receival/delivery tasks;
- (e) road or port closure within the port precinct; or
- any other force majeure type of event or circumstance affecting a party outside its reasonable control, including without limitation, fire, flood, drought, storm (or other adverse weather conditions), lightning, act of God, peril of sea or air, explosion, radioactive or chemical contamination, sabotage, accident, embargo or trade restriction, blockade, labour dispute, strike or shortage, civil commotion, curfew, act of war, actual or threatened act of terrorism, pressure waves caused by aircraft or other devices, meteorites, epidemic, plague or quarantine.

#### Non Service

Non service of a truck or container/appointment (where the container exchange associated with the appointment cannot be executed, except to the extent that the non-service is caused or contributed by any act or omission of HPA, will lead to appropriate fees being payable by the Carrier. These charges include but are not limited to 'Appointment', 'no show', 'Non Service', and special handling fees.

# **Dispute Resolution**

HPA may implement processes to facilitate dispute resolution.

If any dispute arises between HPA and a Carrier or Customer, both parties must use their reasonable endeavours and act in good faith in an attempt to resolve the dispute.

Except where urgent injunctive relief is sought, a party must not commence court proceedings unless it has attempted to comply with the provisions of this section and either the other party has failed to comply or the attempts to resolve the dispute have failed.

#### Service Fees

Please consult the latest HPA Landside Service Tariffs available on the HPA Portal for details of these fees and the applicable invoice for the payment terms. As per industry norm, HPA will charge fees for the services outlined below and in this document.

- Container Storage
- TAS Fees
  - Carrier Annual Subscription
  - Appointments (Public, Private, and Terminal Appointments)
  - o No Show
  - Early or Late Arrival
  - Non-Service
  - Re-handling due to truck over-weight, over-height, or any other reason other than omission/ mistake on the part of HPA
  - *Re-handling of data or container as a result of incorrect information provided by the Customer; including on-passing of statutory fines/ penalties.*
- Special Handling for Un-containerized or Non-standard lifts, Hazardous, Over-dimensional containers
- Re-handling of containers/ cargoes at the Carrier's request
- Manual Gate Processing
- TfNSW PBLIS Financial Penalties As per the latest TfNSW PBLIS requirements.

#### Failure to Pay

HPA reserves the right to suspend services to Carriers or Customers who fail to pay legitimate fees as outlined in this document and the latest HPA Service Tariffs.

#### Limitation on HPA's Liability

HPA and its associated agencies and companies will not be liable for any loss (including, without limitation, indirect, special or consequential loss or loss of profits, loss of business opportunity or loss of goodwill), expense, damage, personal injury or death which is suffered or sustained (whether or not arising from any person's negligence) in connection with Carriers' access to and use of the HPA Portal and the HPA Terminal services, except for any liability which cannot be excluded by law (in which case that liability is limited to the minimum allowable by law).

HPA makes no representations or warranties of any kind, expressed or implied, about the completeness, accuracy, reliability, suitability or availability with respect to information available on the HPA Portal (including the TAS) or the services, applications or related graphics or data contained, made available or provided to you on the HPA Portal for any purpose. Any reliance you place on such

information is therefore strictly at your own risk. You are advised to check the information for accuracy with the relevant source before acting upon it.

Subject to the terms of this section:

- (a) any warranties which may be implied by law, statute or otherwise in relation to the information provided on the HPA Portal or any other goods or services provided on the HPA Portal are excluded to the fullest extent permitted by law; and
- (b) HPA is not liable for any errors, omissions or defects in the information provided on the HPA Portal or the HPA Portal generally and subject to law, HPA reserves the right to amend the HPA Portal at any time without notice.

Nothing in these Terms and Conditions restricts, excludes or modifies or purports to restrict, exclude or modify any statutory consumer rights under any applicable law including the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth).

# Indemnity

Carriers and Customers agree to indemnify HPA, including its respective directors, executive members, officers, employees, volunteers, agents and contractors from and against all claims, liabilities, losses, damages and costs (including the cost of complying with product recall, loss of profits and legal costs and expenses calculated on a solicitor client basis) and/or liability to any third party arising out of or incidental to:

- (a) a breach of these Terms and Conditions;
- (b) the death or personal injury of any person;
- (c) the loss of, or damage to, any property;
- (d) any breach of law or infringement of a third party's rights; and
- (e) any act or omission of fraud, dishonesty, reckless or willful misconduct or misrepresentation,

to the extent caused or contributed to by any act or omission of the Carrier or its personnel.

# **Terminal Contacts**

Please refer to the latest Terminal Contact List published in the HPA Portal.

# Terminal Receiving and Delivery Procedures

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# **Terminal Landside Tariffs**

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# **Glossary of Terms**

- ABN Australian Business Number
- ABF Australian Border Force
- ACBPS Australian Customs and Border Protection Services
- Appointment An arrangement for a Carrier to come to the HPA Terminal at a specific time window to receive or deliver a container. Also see 'Terminal Appointment', 'Public Appointment', and 'Private Appointment'.
- Carrier- person(s), company, contractor, sub-contractor as referenced in the TAS registration process.
- Container Verified Gross Mass As per International Maritime Organization, Maritime Safety Committee's 'Guidelines Regarding the Verified Gross Mass of a container carrying Cargo'.
- COR Chain of Responsibility, Chain of Responsibility federal and state legislation.
- Customers as defined under the 'Customer's Responsibilities' section above.
- Customs Office of the Australian Border Force (ABF) and/or the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) (as appropriate).
- DAFF Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- DIBP Department of Immigration and Border Protection
- eIDO Electronic Import Delivery Order
- Manifest PIN A 5 digit pass code that will be used by the truck driver to access the Terminal to exchange Containers.
- MSIC Maritime Security Identity Card
- Non-Standard Lifts Lifts that are containerized, but cannot be handled using standard Container handling equipment or ISO lifting spreader (including overheight spreader) due to weight, or dimensions, or condition of cargo or ISO container, are considered as non-standard lifts.
- PBLIS Port Botany Landside Improvement Strategy. Where PBLIS is mentioned in this document, the term includes the latest Port Botany Landside Operations Mandatory Standards under Part 3 of the NSW Ports and Maritime Administration Regulation 2012.
- Portal the online portal that provides access to vessel and container information for Carriers and Customers and includes the TAS area of the portal.
- Private Appointment This is an appointment booked by HPA for a registered Carrier, for a specified container.
- Public Appointment This is an appointment booked by Carrier using TAS once HPA has released the appointments.
- TAS Truck Appointment System
- Terminal –namely Brisbane Container Terminals (BCT) and/or Sydney International Container Terminals (SICTL) (as appropriate).
- Terminal Appointment An appointment issued by HPA for a Terminal to a specified Carrier, for a specific direction, and sometimes for a specified container.
- *TfNSW Transport for New South Wales, the NSW government department that administers the PBLIS.*
- TTT Truck Turn Time The time taken to turn around a truck from truck entry to the Terminal to truck exit (or completion of all truck exchanges).
- Un-containerized Lifts Cargoes that are not handled or transported using an ISO container. A lift that uses ISO flats as a stowage base is an un-containerized lift.