

Ghana Ports and Harbour Authority Golden Jubilee Terminal

The Golden Jubilee Terminal [GJT] opened for business to receive and handle containers on 12th March. The facility has been designed to handle some imported FCL and all LCL containers into Ghana, which are subject to Customs controls. The GJT was initially started by Allports, owners of Allship Ghana. This was later taken over by GPHA following lack of funds to continue the project.

Initial through-put at the terminal is expected to be in the region of approximately 120 containers per day growing to an anticipated 200 containers daily. Operations will span 6 days, Monday to Saturday. The new Terminal consists of a custom built CFS of 7,200sqm, a small car terminal to store devanned vehicles and a state warehouse adjacent to the CFS for ease of transferring UCL cargoes. Total container storage is 4,000TEU. The Terminal will be equipped with new reach stackers and forklifts and in addition to this new equipment is a number of Mafi tug-masters and terminal trailers, which will be transferred from the port. To complement the above facility and equipment a new software program is being provided to track containers and loose cargo.

It is intended that the transfer of container operations to the GJT will be planned and it is highly desirable that the transition period to being fully operational will be smooth. Containers presently handled at the following locations will be transferred in the following order:

Phase One: March 12th

- All LCL containers which require devanning and would normally be devanned at the current CFS on 12th March to be transferred to the GJT and devanned there.
- All LCL containers which would previously be devanned at the off dock terminals will be transferred from the port to the GJT starting from 10th March.
- All LCL containers which are located at the off dock terminals at that date will be devanned at those terminal's and delivered in the normal way.
- All goods which are still in store at the old CFS after the 12th March will be handled in the existing manner, during a 30 day transitional period.
- All cargo remaining at the CFS after the 12th April (30 days) will be treated as UCL and processed for auction if not cleared.
- All FCL containers which are currently being handled at shed 6 & 10 until MPS commence operations, after that date containers will be sighted at shed 6. Sighted containers are those that require limited or no removal of cargo only the seal broken and doors opened for customs to visually look inside.

Phase Two: To be completed by 12th May 2007

- FCL currently devanned by ASC, transferred to GJT
- FCL currently devanned by MCT, transferred to GJT
- FCL currently devanned by TCT, transferred to GJT
- FCL containers which are currently devanned at the Korea Yard, transferred to GJT
- The timing for transfer of container devanning operations from the above terminals will be subject to individual consultation with all concerned.
- All FCL containers which are located at the off dock terminals at the date of transfer will be devanned at those terminals and delivered in the normal way.

Operational Procedures

- When a container is to be transferred from GPHA or MPS to GJT, GJT will submit a declaration to CEPS with a list of containers seeking CEPS approval for their transfer, this will be done electronically.
- When the transfer is approved, the containers will be transferred from the Port to GJT
- Approval is also needed to move empties from GJT to the Port, MPS or other terminals.
- An interchange will be issued to cover the handing over of the containers between GPHA/MPS and GJT.
- The conditions of the containers will be checked at both gates and data on them will be entered into the system by the GJT gate control room.
- After consignees have deposited their delivery orders at GJT, arrangements will be made to position the containers for examination and devan.
- When a container to be moved is found to have a broken seal at the Port or in the MPS Terminal the procedure is for Customs to affix a Customs seal and note to it, this will be recorded on the interchange.
- GJT will confirm to CEPS daily when movement of containers have been completed [electronically]
- No cars are allowed in GJT
- No containers will be opened for examination after 1500hours