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Container Terminals at Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach Mandate TruckTag Use by December 1
RFID Electronic Scanning Enhances Port Security While Maintaining Efficient Cargo Flow

LONG BEACH, Calif., September 21, 2007 – PierPASS Inc. today announced that marine container terminals at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach will require trucks to be equipped with TruckTags in order to gain access to the terminals beginning December 1, 2007.

Trucks without TruckTags will be processed through exception handling, which may include being denied access or processing via a trouble ticket. Trucking companies that have already received tags should install the tags on their trucks now and register the tag numbers in the eModal TruckerCheck program, which will activate the truck in the system.

The TruckTag program is a proactive effort by marine terminal operators in Los Angeles and Long Beach to meet U.S. Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Coast Guard guidelines requiring marine terminals to enhance their security measures. TruckTag uses RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) technology to meet these heightened security requirements without hindering the efficient flow of cargo through the Los Angeles and Long Beach ports. The two adjacent ports together handle more than 40 percent of the nation's total import traffic and 24 percent of its total exports. On average there are more than 180,000 truck deliveries to and from the marine terminals every week.

Similar to E-ZPass and FasTrak automated systems, RFID tags installed on the truck's driver-side rearview mirror are automatically read at marine terminal gate entrances using specialized scanning antennas that validate the security clearance of the truck. As part of the system, the truck driver's commercial driver's license is checked to verify they are authorized by their truck company to enter the port facility on their behalf. Tag readers have been installed at most PierPASS member terminals in the two ports, and member terminals are working to have all gates equipped with tag readers by December.

"Implementing the TruckTag program enhances the security of Southern California's marine terminals without hindering the flow of goods that keeps our economy running," said PierPASS Inc. President and CEO Bruce Wargo. "Marine terminals will continue doing their part to help make our ports and our people safe and secure."

"We look forward to working with the TSA and Coast Guard to help improve port security," said Anthony Otto, vice president of Long Beach Container Terminal.

Traditionally, all marine terminal gate traffic is subject to a manual check-in process by marine terminal security guard personnel, often leading to less-than-optimal security measures and extended waiting times.

PierPASS has distributed more than 16,000 tags to date and in the next few weeks will process requests for about 1,000 more. PierPASS distributes the TruckTags through eModal (www.emodal.com), a database company that

tracks trucking companies and drivers. To-date, 70 percent of those tags have been registered and activated. The RFID TruckTags are produced by the WhereNet Corp.

Trucking companies are responsible for distributing the RFID tags to their registered truck drivers. An installation video is also available for viewing at the eModal Web site at <http://www.emodal.com/Help/Help.aspx?app=5> .

Currently tags are free and may be obtained by logging onto www.emodal.com and selecting RFID Tags/More Information or /Request RFID Tag, then following the instructions. Tags are only available to trucks registered in eModal's TruckerCheck program. More information about the TruckTag program is available at www.pierpass.org/trucktag .

About PierPASS

PierPASS, Inc. is a not-for-profit company created by marine terminal operators at the Los Angeles and Long Beach ports to address multi-terminal issues such as congestion, security and air quality. For more information, please go to www.pierpass.org .

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