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PortCheck to Begin Clean Truck Fee Collection Feb. 18

LONG BEACH, Calif., January 26, 2009 – PortCheck Inc., the not-for-profit company created by marine terminal operators to collect the Clean Truck Fee (CTF) for the Port of Los Angeles and Port of Long Beach, announced that it will start collecting the CTF beginning Wednesday, Feb. 18.

All cargo must be claimed before the CTF can be paid. Beginning Wednesday, Feb. 18, no cargo will be allowed to enter or exit from a marine container terminal unless the cargo has been claimed. Under the ports' program, the cargo owner (the party named on the bill of lading) is responsible for paying the CTF.

Prior to the availability of the official PortCheck website, PortCheck urges cargo owners that are not registered with PierPASS to register on the PierPASS site at www.pierpass-tmf.org.

Cargo owners that are already registered in PierPASS will be uploaded automatically to PortCheck once they accept the terms and conditions. PortCheck encourages cargo owners to visit www.pierpass-tmf.org to ensure they are registered, familiarize themselves with the website and navigation, and begin to claim cargo.

An archived webinar that explains how to use the PortCheck website, claim cargo, pay the CTF and other important elements of the program is available at <http://www.portcheck.org/>.

On Oct. 22, the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach signed an agreement with PortCheck, contracting it to collect the fees and enforce a ban on trucks older than model year 1989.

PortCheck operates similarly to PierPASS Inc., which was established by terminal operators in 2005 to create and operate the OffPeak program at the Los Angeles and Long Beach ports. PierPASS collects the Traffic Mitigation Fee that funds the five weekly OffPeak shifts on nights and Saturdays. OffPeak has been successful in diverting 40 percent of cargo from weekday shifts.

Information on the Clean Trucks Program is available at the ports' web sites at <http://www.polb.com/cleantrucks> and <http://www.portoflosangeles.org/cleantrucks>. Additional information about the CTF payment process is available at www.portcheck.org.

About the Clean Trucks Program

The Clean Trucks Program is part of the Clean Air Action Plan of the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, which have the goal of reducing emissions of harmful pollutants by 45 percent by 2012. The Clean Trucks Fee is the charge in the ports' tariff for cargo entering or leaving the port terminals via truck, and will be used to fund the purchase of new, clean trucks through the ports' grant program.

About PortCheck Inc.

PortCheck is a not-for-profit company established by members of the West Coast Marine Terminal Operator Agreement (WCMTOA) to collect the Clean Trucks Program tariff fees and enforce a ban on older trucks on behalf of the Port of Los Angeles and Long Beach. More information will be available at www.portcheck.org.

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