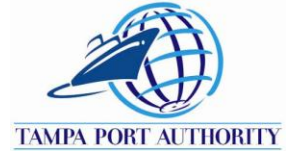


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Port of Tampa welcomes Mediterranean Shipping Co. container service

TAMPA, Fla.--The Tampa Port Authority is pleased to welcome the announcement by Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) that it will start offering global container service via the Port of Tampa. This will include shipping and receiving cargo to/from Asia, the Indian Subcontinent, Africa, the Eastern Mediterranean, Latin America, the Caribbean, as well as other worldwide destinations.

Headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, MSC is the world's second largest container shipping line and the largest carrier serving the US market.

The service is provided in partnership with Zim Integrated Shipping services using five vessels, each with a capacity of 3000 TEUs, with three ships provided by MSC and two by Zim, to include direct calls at Caucedo, Kingston, Veracruz and Altamira, and offering worldwide connections.

“We are delighted to welcome MSC to the Tampa market in conjunction with our longstanding partner Zim”, commented Tampa Port Director & CEO Paul Anderson. “MSC will open up new destinations and options for exporters and importers via the Port of Tampa and we are excited to be working with them to expand trade and economic opportunities, not just for the Central Florida market but for the entire State and beyond.”

For details on MSC service offerings via the Port of Tampa contact Regional Sales Manager Joanne Sudler at jusdler@msc.us.

Together with terminal operator partner Ports America, the Tampa Port Authority has a multi-phased build-out plan to quadruple the size of the Port of Tampa Container Terminal from its current 40 acres with 2800 linear foot of berth, 43 foot depth and three rail-mounted gantry cranes, to over 160 acres by adding additional berths, cranes and storage area.

The Port of Tampa is the largest port in the State of Florida, both in terms of cargo tonnage handled and geographic area. It is also one of the most diverse ports in the United States, handling a wide array of traffic including containers, bulk and breakbulk cargoes, in addition to being a major cruise homeport and center for shipbuilding and repair. Strategically positioned in the center of the state, the Port’s local Tampa-Orlando I-4 Corridor market is home to 8 million people and welcomes over 50 million tourist visitors per year. The recently completed Tampa Gateway Rail Terminal offers Florida’s first on-dock unit train capability extending the Port’s reach beyond the state of Florida throughout the CSX Rail network encompassing the US Midwest and eastern seaboard. To learn more about the Port of Tampa, visit www.tampaport.com.