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## UPDATE: Thanksgiving Holiday Gate Closures

Make plans for holiday gates on Thursday and Friday. Some late gates on Wed.

Customers of the Port of Charleston please be aware that Thanksgiving Day (November 23) and the following Friday (November 24) are SCSPA holidays. In regards to gate operations at the port during the holiday period, here is what we know as of today:

**Wednesday, November 22:** The SCSPA will operate its NCT and CST common user container gates until 20:00 (8:00PM) on Wednesday, 2006. In an effort to help reduce congestion and defer any potential demurrage charges, the gates will be receiving and delivering **loaded import and export containers only**. Empty containers will not be accepted.

All regular SCSPA business rules (i.e. 7 day receipt for exports) will be in place. Mediterranean Shipping Company is the only line known to be participating in the extended gate at this time. Motor carriers intending to do business during the extended gate hours should make sure the subject steamship line is participating in the extended gate and any/all other labor services required have been provided for. Contact Steve Kemp at 843/577-8756 if you have questions.

**Thursday, November 23:** Thanksgiving Day / Gates closed unless Holiday Work arrangements are made. At this time we know of no carriers operating gates on Thanksgiving Day.

**Friday, November 24:** SCSPA holiday.

- Common-use container gates will be open by carrier request only. At this time we have received no requests from common use carriers to operate gates.
- Ceres/CKYH has informed us they will NOT be operating gates.
- **APM/Maersk has informed us they WILL be operating gates at WWT.**
- ACS has informed us they WILL be operating gates at Columbus Street Terminal.
- Ceres/Evergreen has informed us they WILL be operating gates.

Breakbulk cargo scheduling for Union Pier and Columbus Street Terminal will be closed on both days.

Please be aware that carriers and/or stevedores may make changes to container gate operations after this advisory. Close communication with your service providers is essential if you have critical cargo needs over the holiday period.

Thank you for your business and have a happy and safe Thanksgiving.