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### Will these solutions ease shipment delays at Ports?

Shipping delays at ports have many causes as discussed in our last post. We will now discuss what is being done to improve the situation.

First let's recap some of the causes of the port situation:

- Contract negotiations/Labor dispute
- Truck trailer (chassis)
- ...

Now let's look at some solutions that are being implemented:

#### Appointments

Some port terminals have started scheduling appointments for short-haul truck drivers eliminating long wait times while containers are extracted. Drivers arrive at an appointed time and, in theory at least, wait only for the container they need.

#### Free-Flow container operation launched in port of LA

The Port of LA has partnered with terminal operators and a harbor drayage company to launch a container free-flow operation to free up space for more containers at the largest US port while delivering import loads to retailers and other large shippers quickly and efficiently.

Here is how free-flow works. The drayage firm serves a core group of Beneficial Cargo Owners (BCOs) that generate a critical mass of imports each week...

This closed-loop operation offers a number of benefits:

- It reduces congestion at the marine terminals.
- ...

#### Consolidated Chassis Pool

Chassis are a vital link in moving millions of dollars of goods bound for stores across the nation daily. That flow is disrupted when chassis are missing from the equation, especially at the Los Angeles and Long Beach ports, the nation's busiest seaport complex handling 40 percent of U.S. imports.

In the past, shipping lines owned and operated their own chassis pools. Ships arrived, containers were offloaded and ...

Now, three major chassis providers and a terminal operator have put into effect a pool system called the "gray chassis pool" that allows ...

If the chassis pool is successful, truck drivers will be able to pick up and drop off a chassis at any container terminal without having to worry about which middleman leasing company controls it.

Hopefully these efforts will help reduce the shipment delays at ports. Planning your next shipment? For assistance with minimizing shipment delays contact your American Group representative or call 866-553-6608.

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