An open letter to all TLS participants,

Vancouver Fraser Port Authority’s container truck environmental requirements, in place since 2008, require all container trucks accessing the port to meet specified environmental standards (the Standards). The Standards currently in effect require all container trucks 2006 and older to have a fully functional eligible emission reduction measure (ERM). The majority of TLS truck owners have met this requirement by installing a diesel oxidization catalyst (DOC) and obtaining an Age-Exception Approval from Vancouver Fraser Port Authority. Generally, installation of a DOC reduces diesel particulate matter emissions by approximately 20 per cent.

A 2007 (or newer) truck equipped with a fully functional diesel particulate filter (DPF) does not need an installed DOC to meet the Standards. Generally, a DPF reduces diesel particulate matter emissions by approximately 85 per cent.

Vancouver Fraser Port Authority has learned that some TLS truck owners may have purchased 2007 model trucks that contained 2006 engines (2006/07 Trucks). Such trucks will likely not have a factory-installed DPF unit. As such, they do not meet the Standards.

By a notice dated February 16, 2016, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority expressly reiterated that to meet the Standards for a 2007 truck, the truck must have a DPF. Vancouver Fraser Port Authority has now received submissions from truck owners saying that prior to the February 2016 notice they were not clear on the distinction between a 2007 truck and a 2006/07 Truck.

Please note: Prior to August 1, 2016, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority will accept and review Age-Exception Applications regarding 2006/07 Trucks. 2006/07 Trucks that meet at least the 2006 Standards (i.e. by providing proof of installation of a DOC), will be deemed to comply with the Standards for a 2007 truck. Age-Exception Applications must be submitted by the holders of Local TLS Access Agreements, respecting both 2006/07 Trucks in their company fleet and the 2006/07 Trucks owned by Independent Operators they sponsor. The form for submission of an Age-Exception Application to Vancouver Fraser Port Authority is attached to this notice.

Any 2006/07 Truck for which a complete and approvable Age-Exception Application has not been received by Vancouver Fraser Port Authority prior to August 1, 2016 will be irrevocably deemed to be a non-compliant 2006 truck.

Sincerely,

Greg Rogge, Director, Land Operations

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