

**COMPROMISE AGREEMENT**  
FMC File No. 17131(1)

This Compromise Agreement is entered into between:

- (1) the Federal Maritime Commission (Commission); and
- (2) Blue Cargo Group, LLC (Respondent).

WHEREAS, the Commission is considering the initiation of an assessment proceeding against Respondent for the recovery of civil penalties for alleged violations of section 10(a)(1) of the Shipping Act of 1984, 46 U.S.C. § 41102(a); and

WHEREAS, such proceeding would be based on the Commission's allegations that Respondent engaged in certain practices violative of the Shipping Act, to wit:

Between August 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016, Respondent knowingly and willfully obtained ocean transportation for property at less than the rates or charges that would otherwise be applicable by the device or means of improperly utilizing rates limited to certain "named accounts" in service contract nos. AEF161283, LH9316, 16-1554, and S16ASC111A.

WHEREAS, the Commission is authorized under section 13(c) of the Shipping Act, 46 U.S.C. § 41109 (a) – (b), and Subpart W of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 46 C.F.R. § 502.601 – 502.605, to compromise and collect civil penalties for the alleged violations set forth and described above; and,

WHEREAS, Respondent terminated the practices that are the basis of the alleged violations set forth herein, and has committed to maintain measures designed to eliminate such practices in the future; and,

WHEREAS, Respondent self-reported the practices described above, has cooperated and disclosed to the Commission information, facts, and documents relevant to the transportation activities and practices giving rise to the allegations stated above; and,

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises herein, and in compromise of all civil penalties arising from the Commission's investigation of Respondent for the alleged violations described above, Respondent and the Commission hereby agree upon the following terms of compromise and settlement:

1. Respondent shall make payment to the Commission by cashier's or certified check or by wire transfer in the amount of \$75,000.
2. This Compromise Agreement shall forever bar the commencement or institution of any assessment proceeding or other claim of recovery of civil penalties from Respondent, its officers, directors, or employees arising from the Commission's investigation of Respondent for the alleged violations set forth above occurring between August 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016.
3. It is expressly understood that this Compromise Agreement is not, and is not to be construed as, an admission by Respondent to the alleged violations set forth above.
4. This agreement is subject to approval by the Commission's Managing Director in accordance with 46 C.F.R. § 502.604.

Blue Cargo Group, LLC

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF COMPROMISE AGREEMENT**

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The above Terms and Conditions and Amount of Consideration are hereby approved and accepted:

By the Federal Maritime Commission:

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Brian L. Troiano, Deputy Director (Date)  
Bureau of Enforcement

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Karen V. Gregory (Date)  
Managing Director