

National Shipper Advisory Committee to Federal Maritime Commission (FMC)
Sub-Committee: Data & Visibility

Recommendation

Reduce export shipper complexity within existing ocean carrier alliance member processes and practices for container Cargo Receiving Window (CRW) requirements through voluntary alignment between alliance members working

Purpose: Today's ocean shipping environment is very complex, and part of the complexity is witness in the misalignment of alliances services when calling of a US port. Most times, a vessel calling the same port will have two, three or four different Early Return Dates, and Documentation and Physical Cutoff Dates, depending on the carrier that issues the booking confirmation. Carrier member of the alliances communicate different dates for the same vessel calling the same port.

For these reasons, we, as the unified National Shipper Advisory Committee, hereby recommend that the Federal Maritime Commission initiate rulemaking to establish uniform Cargo Receiving Window (CRW) timelines and cutoffs for all vessel service alliances and sharing agreements – Early Return Date, and Dry, Refrigerated and Dangerous Goods (DG) Documentation and Physical Cargo Cutoff – for same vessel, vessel service and port of loading within ninety (90) days.