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PORT DEVELOPMENT

THIS PUBLIC NOTICE APPLIES TO PERSONS IMPORTING VEHICLES FROM THE FAR EAST

*(JAPAN, KOREA, CHINA AND OTHER AREAS OF ASIA)
IN CASES WHERE THE TRANSPORT IS PROVIDED BY BULK
AUTO CARRIERS CALLING AT THE NASSAU CONTAINER PORT.*

In an effort to enhance our services, the Nassau Container Port advises importers and the general public of the following:

1. Vehicles landed by bulk auto carrier will be available for pick up on the second business day following vessel discharge.

- a. EXAMPLE: - Vessel discharges vehicles on a Saturday and the vehicle will be available for pick up on Tuesday. Vessel discharges on a Monday and the vehicle will be available for pick up on Wednesday.

(NOTE: Weather, incomplete or erroneous documentation, additional inspections, and or condition of the vehicle will delay the release of a vehicle)

2. Bulk auto carriers may deliver up to 700 vehicles in a single vessel call. It is important to note that there is a formal process which must be completed prior to the release of a vehicle to the importer.

- a. The vessel stevedore completes a thorough inspection of each vehicle at the time the vehicle is discharged. This inspection is necessary as it reconciles the actual vehicles discharged against the vessel manifest.
- b. The vessel stevedore then drives the vehicle to the vehicle storage area in the Nassau Container Port. At this point, the vessel stevedore transfers responsibility of the vehicle to the vehicle release manager. The vehicle release manager then completes a second vehicle inspection to ensure that the condition of the vehicle is accurately described on the NCP rolling stock stripping/receiving log.
- c. While the above is taking place, Bahamas Customs completes its examination of the vehicle to include a valuation.

3. The number of persons picking up vehicles on the same day will influence the wait time at the Nassau Container Port.

- a. Wait times for vehicles collected on the first available day may exceed 4 hours
- b. Wait time for vehicles collected on the third business day following vessel discharge may be less than one hour.

(NOTE: Bahamas Customs warehouses vehicles after five business days if the applicable Government import taxes have not been paid; NCP storage charges apply for vehicles after the 10 calendar day)

4. The documents required to import and collect a vehicle may change at any time. The importer is encouraged to contact their licensed Customs Broker for a current list of documents required.

5. Bahamas Customs recently introduced new import restrictions on vehicles.

- a. Vehicles with a non-repairable/non-rebuildable title will not be processed by Bahamas Customs (regardless of date of import) as of September 1, 2015.
- b. Vehicles 10 years of age or older will not be processed by Bahamas Customs (regardless of date of import) as of September 1, 2015.
- c. The import of vehicles identified as antique, classic or vintage must be pre-approved by the Comptroller of Bahamas Customs prior to departing the port of origin.

6. The Public is reminded that service news announcements and other important information are available on the Port's website **www.nassaucontainerport.com**

For further information please contact the
Nassau Container Port at 242-323-7064