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## Webinar: Responding to the Federal Maritime Commissions Report



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### Webinar

#### Help to Prevent and Recover the Unfair and Unreasonable Collection of Demurrage and Per Diem – The FMC Report Explained

Monday, May 18, 2015  
10:00 am PST

Between September and early November 2014, the Federal Maritime Commission (“FMC”) held four forums at major gateway ports to foster dialogue between industry stakeholders, regulators, and the general public on the causes, impacts and possible solutions for the congestion experienced in seaports around the country. At the forums, and since, the public has expressed concerns relating to the assessment of demurrage and detention charges by marine terminal operators (“MTOs”) and vessel-operating common carriers (“VOCCs”) where importers and exporters (and their truckers) have experienced terminal delays over which they have no control.

As a result of the strong concerns expressed by those subject to paying high demurrage and detention charges due to port congestion, the FMC published a report: “Rules, Rates, and Practices Relating to Detention, Demurrage, and Free Time for Containerized Imports and Exports Moving Through Selected United States Ports.” The report collects and conveys the frustrations and concerns expressed by importers, exporters, and drayage providers, and makes observations about the steps the industry may take to address the concerns relating to demurrage and detention practices of VOCCs and MTOs.

The FMC’s report concludes:

In the absence of documented facts that provide a basis for the Commission to take action, issues regarding application of demurrage and detention charges will continue to be reviewed as part of the broader examination of port congestion.

This webinar will provide attendees with:

- An Overview of the Report;
- Examples of common Shipping Act Violations;
- Information on California statutes that impact VOCC and MTO operations;
- Information on how to file an informal and formal complaints with the FMC, and
- Additional information on how to respond to the FMC’s report.

Read the FMC’s report: <http://www.fmc.gov/assets/1/Page/reportdemurrage.pdf>

### Speaker



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