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HIGHLIGHTS



Global Track & Trace Online

Beginning with this edition, we will be showcasing the various IT developments aimed at easy retrieval of information among Globelink group users and to fulfill customers' needs.

The group's global Track & Trace Online, first launched on 11 March 2014 is currently opened to internal Globelink usage and will be rolled out to our network partners and customers in time.

What is Track & Trace Online?

Track & Trace (T&T) Online is an E-Service by Globelink group to support our offices, network agents and customers by providing an almost Real-Time status of the milestones met of the cargo as it moves from point to point.

Features of T&T Online

Provides near real-time status

Milestones met by cargoes from the load port to the discharge port are available online.

Export Milestones (Load port)

- ✓ Booking confirmed
- ✓ Cargo received
- ✓ Cargo packed
- ✓ Shipped on Board
- ✓ Vessel sailed
- ✓ Document issue date

Import Milestones (Discharge port)

- ✓ Vessel arrived
- ✓ Cargo unpacked
- ✓ D/O released
- ✓ Cargo released

Multi-view of status

Comprehensive view of all the milestones met by the cargoes can be viewed in one single page.

User defined data access

Information access catered to different user needs.

- ❑ **Multiple search criteria**
Various parameters of search available for ease of tracking shipments.
- ❑ **Data download**
Search records can be downloaded for future reference.
- ❑ **Language support**
T&T online support both English and Chinese languages.

In the pipeline for T & T Online

- ✓ **Document availability**
Booking confirmation, bill of lading and delivery note copies will be available to view online.
- ✓ **E-booking connectivity**
Shipment bookings can be made online by users worldwide.
- ✓ **Track & Trace Mobile App**
Easy access to cargo status view using smart phones or any mobile device with internet connection.

Globelink's T&T Online is a collaborative platform where the group work together to uphold the service quality by ensuring timely delivery of information and managing any service exception.

It is also a platform for back-end connectivity for direct EDI connection. It provides a quick avenue for customers to access information on their shipments, minimizing time taken on queries and feedback and the delays caused by time zone difference.

T&T Online can be accessed through our E-Services website: <http://www.cwt-globelink.com/app/>

For more information and assistance on Globelink's IT tools, kindly contact: beverly@globelink-group.com

SERVICE INTRODUCTION

New Direct Consolidation Services

CWT Globelink group has added new direct consolidation services in our network.

Ningbo to Tunis

- ❖ POL: Ningbo
- ❖ POD: Tunis
- ❖ CFS Cut-off: Tuesday
- ❖ ETD Ningbo: Saturday
- ❖ Transit: 36 days
- ❖ Frequency: Fortnightly

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Barcelona to Rio Grande

- ❖ POL: Barcelona
- ❖ POD: Rio Grande
- ❖ Transit: 22 days
- ❖ Frequency: Fortnightly

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Muscat Port Closure

In a move to convert Port Sultan Qaboos (PSQ) in Muscat into a tourism port by 1 January 2015, the Government of Oman has announced the closure of container operations by 31 August 2014. All commercial activities will be shifted to Sohar Port.

Shipping lines calling PSQ ex-Jebel Ali will continue carrying containers to PSQ until end July 2014.

Transition to Sohar port will take place on the first 2 weeks of August 2014. Globelink Dubai will continue LCL operations to PSQ until the shipping lines cease their PSQ service.

An official notice will be sent when Globelink Dubai switch its service to Sohar port. Meanwhile, Globelink will still accept cargoes to PSQ.

INDUSTRY NEWS

Manila Lifts Truck Ban – But for Just One Lane

The Manila daytime truck ban that was suspended to clear containers choking the Philippine port for the World Economic Forum East Asia summit last month is back in force, but with a slight modification.

Manila mayor Joseph Estrada has freed one lane of Roxas Boulevard, which runs along the city's waterfront, for use by trucks transporting containers to and from Manila's ports 24 hours a day. It will be known as the "traffic express trade lane."

The route gives heavy trucks easier access to the port, but the vehicles will still be banned in all other parts of the city from 5 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 3 p.m. to 9 pm.

Estrada told The Star that truck operators were "happy" with the decision to open the one lane along the waterfront.

Widespread criticism of the daytime truck restrictions has come from the transport and logistics industry and from the business community, which said it will damage the economy. Citigroup estimated the annual loss to the economy could top \$1.4 billion, or 2.9 percent of Philippine GDP.

On February 24, eight-wheeled trucks and vehicles with a gross weight of more than 9,920 pounds were banned from the city's streets to ease the chronic gridlock that has long plagued the Philippine capital. But the congestion simply shifted from the streets to the container port, which handles roughly 3.7 million TEUs per year.

Despite its vocal opposition to the trucking restrictions and the impact on Manila's port operations, the state-run Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) booked a 50 percent increase in earnings in the first quarter of the year amid growing volume of cargo handled by ports nationwide. The agency's net income was \$37 million from January to March this year.

PPA general manager Juan Sta Ana said the profit was testament that measures being undertaken to reduce red tape and increase efficiency at the ports are effective. However, he said the percentage increase could have been even higher if not for the daytime truck ban.

Estrada dismissed the criticism, much as he has done since imposing the truck ban in February.

"For almost two months, the economic growth of Manila City government has increased despite the implementation of the daytime truck ban. Maybe it's only the PPA that is affected," Estrada said.

Soon after the ban began, the port's container yards ground to a standstill as boxes stacked up. Manila International Container Terminals (MICT), the biggest terminal in the port and flagship of international terminal operator ICTSI, was at one point refusing to accept empty containers, a significant move considering 900,000 of the boxes handled by the terminal every year are empty.

Even customs were working overtime and on public holidays to clear the backlog of containers.

The Manila city government is pushing for ways to reach a long-term solution to the traffic congestion, with one legislator saying that all options should have been exhausted before an economically damaging approach was chosen.

One solution suggested by legislators in Manila was to move the port away from the capital, as many port cities around the world have done, but this was dismissed by the port and business community as unviable.

Christian Gonzalez, head of Asia for ICTSI, told the JOC in April that the Philippine container market encompasses about 1.4 million 20-foot containers of imports, a majority of which are goods consumed in and around Manila. Exports comprise about 500,000 containers, most coming from Cavite on the Manila Bay side, an area inaccessible by road from the port of Batangas.

The majority of truck movements are generated by the 900,000 empty boxes, and the remaining 900,000-plus containers are used in domestic movements around the archipelago.

Source: JOC.com

WORLD HOLIDAYS

World Holidays in June 2014



Australia

09 Jun Queen's Birthday*
*All States except WA.

China

01 – 02 Jun Dragon Boat Festival

Croatia

19 Jun Corpus Christi
22 Jun Anti-Fascist Resistance Day
25 Jun Statehood Day

Guatemala

30 Jun Army Day

Hong Kong

02 Jun Tuen Ng Festival
(Dragon Boat Festival)

Korea

04 Jun National Election Day
06 Jun Memorial Day

Malaysia

07 Jun Agong's Birthday

Portugal

10 Jun Portugal Day
13 Jun St Anthony*
24 Jun St John*
29 Jun St Peter's Day*
* Regional holiday.

Romania

08 Jun Whit Sunday
09 Jun Whit Monday

Slovenia

08 Jun Whit Sunday
25 Jun Statehood Day

Spain

24 Jun St John's Day*
* Regional holiday.

Sri Lanka

12 Jun Poson Full Moon Poya Day

Taiwan

02 Jun Dragon Boat Festival

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CWT Globelink started in 1988 in Singapore. It has now expanded to more than 100 offices in 28 countries, providing comprehensive and high quality consolidation services to our valued customers.

CWT Globelink's presence includes Australia, Bulgaria, China, Costa Rica, Croatia, Egypt, Guatemala, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Kuwait, Malaysia, Morocco, Pakistan, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Singapore, Slovenia, South Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom and Vietnam.

Together with key members of its agency network, Globelink formed the Global Consolidator Alliance (GCA) to provide comprehensive and seamless global coverage to its valued customers.

For more information about the CWT Globelink Group, please refer to our website: www.cwt-globelink.com



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