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CUSTOMER NOTICE

LCT VBS ROLLOUT

Following the successful roll out of the vehicle booking system at City Depot earlier this year, we would like to give all users and customers an update on the planned roll out for VBS at Lyttelton Container Terminal.

Our intention is to have the LCT VBS operational in **September/October 2018**. It will be based on the same 1-Stop system and process used at City Depot and will look and feel almost identical to what is being used today.

A key component of the VBS is accurate data and we have decided to implement a **compulsory electronic export pre-advise** requirement for all drop off containers through LCT, effective 7th August 2018.

Details of the new process are as follows:

- Applies to all drop off containers – full and empty, export and coastal delivered in to the terminal by road or rail
- Containers must be pre-advise via CAP or EDI before arrival at the terminal (its like an online carters note)
- When VBS goes live it will not be possible to confirm a vehicle booking without a valid pre-advise being in place
- LPC will implement a Manual Processing Fee that will be charged to any party who brings a container to the terminal without a valid pre-advise in the system (timing TBC)
- If the data in the shipping line booking doesn't match pre-advise, it will not be possible to create a new booking. The shipping line must be contacted to fix the discrepancy in the booking and then resend to us before pre-advise can be completed.

As of today around 82% of full exports are already pre-advise so this new requirement will not have any material impact for many of you. For those exporters, pack points, transport operators etc. who do not currently pre-advise, or who only partly pre-advise, we strongly recommend you make contact with us as soon as possible to arrange access to allow you to start pre-advise all of your containers.

Please also remember that a pre-advise road container can use our kiosk which will speed up the time of your trucking companies visit to the terminal (not currently available for Reefer or DG, but we are working on offering that soon).

We will keep you updated with further details as we get closer to 7th August. We see these enhancements as very much a collaborative effort that is in line with standard industry practices. The pre-advise requirements apply equally to containers on road and rail, so we encourage transport operators and exporters to consider how they can best be achieved within your particular circumstances.

Please feel free to contact us at any time if you have any queries:

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