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Docket No. 22-04, Comments on Demurrage and Detention Billing Requirements

ANPRM

We have been reliably informed that the Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) has published a request for comments concerning the demurrage and detention billing practices.

The Grape Company is a South African Table Grape exporter shipping refrigerated containers to USA (New Ark) and also Canada (Toronto & Montreal).

Our logistics in the USA is being taken care of by a well-known and reputable customs broker, J&K Fresh.

TGC would hereby like to reiterate the points set out in the well drafted document that JKF has submitted to your good selves.

With the following points specifically applicable on our cargo:

- 1) USA demurrage on containers awaiting CES inspection
- 2) Demurrage on containers completing cold treatment protocol
- 3) Demurrages (Ocean Carrier)
- 4) Demurrages (Terminal Handling)
- 5) Terminal Handling fees
- 6) Canada containers discharged in NY awaiting carrier haulage to final destination CA

We are in full agreement with the points stated above and also the cause of these fees being due to congested ports which was completely out of our control. We trust that this will not fall on deaf ears and that the necessary steps will be taken to ensure that these charges are lifted to secure the future of growers as well as food security globally.

Kind regards,

Johnny Viljoen

