

## **Documentation-, VGM- and Physical Cut off**

This document gives information about 3 important Cut Off times:

<u>The DOC cut off:</u> The B/L instruction (including container no.'s, weight and commodity) is required prior this Cut Off, in order to insert same in our loading list. The DOC cut off is also called 'administrative closing'.

The Verified Gross Mass (VGM) Cut off: As from effective date 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2016 we need to receive the VGM details timely.

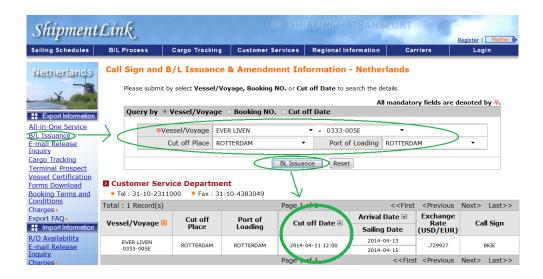
<u>The Physical Cut Off:</u> the container needs to be delivered full to the terminal prior this cut off in order to be accepted by the terminal. Cut Off set by the terminal. Also called the Physical or Terminal/Cargo Closing.

## The DOC cut off:

To build up our loading list we need to receive your B/L Instruction including the container no.'s, cargo description and –weight.

The doc cut off is mentioned on our 'Booking confirmation'. In case of a delay or advance in the vessel schedule the cut off might change. If you want to see the most up to date 'DOC' Cut off please refer to below:

http://www.shipmentlink.com/nl/texp/jsp/TEXP\_ExportCutOffIssue.jsp



In case you do not meet the 'DOC cut off' your cargo will be rolled to the next available vessel. Detention, demurrage and roll over charges may be applicable. Since the reserved space on our vessel will not be used, we consider your shipment as a 'No Show' and will register this accordingly.

## **Verified Gross Mass (VGM) Cut off:**

The VGM cut off date and time is mentioned on our booking confirmation and will be equal to or just before the 'DOC' Cut off.

Please note the actual Cut off might differ based on the method used to submit the VGM to us, either via 'Hard Copy' or via EDI, WEB or our mobile APP. Cut off per method will be shown on your booking confirmation.

## **Physical Cut Off time**

Kindly note that the physical cut off time is set by the terminal. After this cut off, the container will not be accepted on the terminal anymore. Always check the latest information from terminal website in order to deliver your full export container to the terminal in time.

For departures from ECT Terminals in Rotterdam, you may refer to the terminal website:

http://myservices.ect.nl/tracing/objectstatus/Pages/Overview.aspx

Herewith an example on how to query the Physical Cut Off Date on ECT website:

