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9am Daily update on port container terminals operational status due to Transnet strike.

As of today Transnet strike is officially over, exactly 14 days since the strike was imposed. Yesterday 19 October, Satawu requested members to return to work although having not signed a wage agreement with Transnet. Staffing levels across all the main container terminals and rail are now seemingly fully compliant. The timing couldn't be worse or better, since the impact on vessel schedules could persist for a few weeks. As the remaining citrus clears from cold stores in Durban, PE and Cape Town over the next 2 to 3 weeks, the shift in focus moves squarely to the Berry, Exotic, Subtropical and Deciduous fruit exports - of which 90% or more is exported from the Cape Town port. Many traditional fruit farmers across the country are Citrus and Deciduous fruit farmers (many with newly planted citrus crops) so we are hopeful that shipping stabilizes by mid-November thus ensuring their crops reach markets in good order over the coming season.

Cape Town Container Terminals

- TNPA – marine services are compliant vessels will be serviced.
- CTCT – Waterside and landside fully compliant and operational. Monitor export stack dates. Plan is for 3 berth operation from Monday 24 October – total gangs to be advised.
- CTCT vessels on berth = 2 – Kota Lekas (complete), MSC Acapulco (working).
- CTCT vessels at anchor = 4 - Ever Dainty, Niledutch Lion, Cypress, MSC Cassandre.
- CTMPT – Waterside and landside fully compliant and operational. Monitor export stack dates CTMPT vessels on berth = Nil
- CTMPT vessels at anchor = Nil

EC Region Container Terminals

- TNPA – marine services are compliant vessels will be serviced.
- NCT – Waterside and landside fully compliant and operational. Monitor export stack dates.
- NCT vessels on berth = 2 – MSC Eugenia, MSC Krittika. (terminal windbound)
- NCT vessels at anchor = 4 – MSC Marianne, Santa Rosa, MSC Giada III, Border.
- PECT – Waterside and landside fully compliant and operational. Monitor export stack dates.
- PECT vessels on berth = 1 – Maersk Visby (terminal windbound).
- PECT vessels at anchor = 1 – Lori.

Durban Region Container Terminals

- TNPA – marine services are compliant vessels will be serviced.
- Pier 1 – Waterside and landside fully compliant and operational. Monitor export stack dates. 2 Crane breakdowns at present.
- Pier 1 vessels on berth = 2 – Kota Lawa (working), MSC Rowan (working).
- Pier 1 vessels at anchor = 1 – Santa Clara ETB 24/10.
- Pier 2 – Waterside and landside fully compliant and operational. Monitor export stack dates. 9 Crane breakdowns at present outlook for 6 returning by Monday.
- Pier 2 vessels on berth = 4 - CCNI Arauco, MSC Adelaide, Seaspan Kyoto, MSC Everest.
- Pier 2 vessels at anchor = 10 - Ever Diadem, Santa Barbara, MSC Courage, CMA CGM Valparaiso, Lady Jane, CMA CGM Coral, CMA CGM Don Pascuale, Halsted, Cosco Wellington, MSC Desiree.
- Durban MPT – Waterside and landside fully compliant and operational. Monitor export stack dates. Durban MPT vessels on berth = 1 – Polonia (working).
- Durban MPT vessels at anchor = 1 – MSC Mila 3 (docked)

Rail Durban – JHB

- Train operations between DCT and reef has commenced manning levels compliant.

General – It is anticipated shipping delays will be experienced over the coming weeks, will be port and market specific. In order for ships to minimize rotational delays, ship rotational changes, omitting exports at certain ports and bypassing ports altogether is likely. Going forward it is recommended to communicate with shipping lines on next available ships to markets to clear the remainder of product at the ports. It may require moving product or containers to ports where ships are loading reefer containers and departing in good time.

This will be the final strike report, hope that it has been of value....