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GCT-Bayonne Requires Truck Appointments

After months of testing, Global Container Terminals rolled out their mandatory Truck Reservation System at the Bayonne Terminal on Sunday, January 15, 2017. All trucks calling upon GCT-Bayonne between the hours of 0600 and 0800 were required to have an appointment via the terminal's online reservation system from that day forward.

As of January 25th, GCT expanded the reservation time window an additional hour : all trucks arriving between the hours of 0600 and 0900 must now have an



appointment. Trucks that show up at the terminal prior to 0900 without a reservation will be turned away, including any trucks arriving on Port Jersey Boulevard before 0900.

The Bi-State has been closely monitoring the feedback being received

from our members, and passing along any concerns or issues with the system to the management team at Global. Members are also encouraged to contact Global Customer Support directly at (201) 706-4242.

As with any new procedures implemented at the port, the Bi-State is reserving its judgment on the appointment system until more time has passed, and utilization of the reservations reaches levels that are similar to pre-appointment usage.

Members who would like to offer additional feedback on the system, or to share any issues or concerns they have, are asked to email Executive Director Dick Jones at dj@thebistate.com.

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Member Spotlight:

**Mecca & Son
Trucking**

Turn Time Report Participants Needed!

The Association of Bi-State Motor Carriers has been tracking and aggregating turn times at the Port of NY & NJ, in order to obtain accurate indicators of the congestion and wait times being experienced by drivers. If you use a GPS-based system to track your vehicles, please contact LisaY@thebistate.com to learn more about how to add your data to our system and increase our sample size. Thank you for your cooperation and support!

Reminder: 2017 Bi-State Membership Dues

Invoice reminders for 2017 Annual Membership dues were sent out in December: if you have not yet sent in a check, please do so as soon as possible. If you have any questions or need to update your contact information, please email Executive Director Dick Jones at dj@thebistate.com.



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Member Spotlight: **Mecca & Son Trucking**

Don't let the name fool you: although Mecca & Son Trucking has always been a family business, it was Jerry Mecca himself—the “son” in this father-and-son equation—who founded the company. His father Leo's contribution consisted of co-signing the loan for Jerry, who was too young to get financing by himself in 1950. Jerry had come up with the idea to start his own business while still a junior in Jersey City's Dickinson High School, watching the trucks drive by. Born in 1930 during the Great Depression, Jerry never had the chance to know his mother, who died giving birth to him. Raised by his father and other family members, these humble beginnings instilled a deep sense of familial loyalty, dedication, and a strong work ethic that would serve Jerry well. With his father's support, Jerry got started with just one truck and one employee—himself.



Jerry Mecca, founder of Mecca & Son Trucking



Helen & Jerry Mecca, working side-by-side

He soon met his future wife, Helen, and with her taking on all of the important clerical, business, and office functions, it freed up Jerry to work even harder on growing their company and expanding its operations into real estate and warehousing.

As their young family grew—welcoming daughter Peggy and sons Michael, Jerry and Lenny—the husband and wife partnership continued to thrive, with the children pitching in whenever they could. “My father would say, ‘I could not have done it without the help of my wife, Helen, by my side’,” recalls Peggy Mecca, “There is not a person I have ever met who did not admire and respect my parents.”

After college, Peggy came aboard full-time, with Michael and Jerry joining her a few years later. Lenny also followed after college, helping modernize the business by computerizing Mecca's operations. The company now boasts a fleet of 60 trucks, offering an array of services that include intermodal transportation, logistics, storage, warehousing and distribution.

Mecca & Son Trucking also has several affiliated warehouses for value-added services to its customers. Florence Warehouse, located in Jersey City, NJ offers 200,000 sq ft of dry storage and specializes in handling green coffee from all major New York and New Jersey ports. It is licensed by the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE), as well as holding an organic certification. Accem Warehouse is located in Bayonne NJ, providing 150,000 sq feet of refrigerated storage to the food industry.



Peggy Mecca

A longtime member of the Bi-State Executive Board, Peggy Mecca has been actively involved in advocating for the intermodal industry, meeting with state legislators in New Jersey and traveling to Washington D.C. to ensure that the voices of those who serve the Port of NY & NJ are heard on a national level. She and her brothers are proud to carry on the Mecca legacy, working together side-by-side, as their parents did before them—and with several children (and grandchildren!) among them, it's safe to say that the dream Jerry Mecca had over 60 years ago for a successful family business will be going strong for generations to come.

For more information on Mecca & Son Trucking, visit www.meccatrucking.com

Legislative Update: Preserving the Owner-Operator Model in NJ



On January 9, 2017, the Senate Labor Committee held a discussion on Senate bill S121, the companion bill to Assembly Committee Substitute A1912/A3694. Together, these bills will provide long-needed clarity on the classification of independent owner-operators who serve the Port of New York & New Jersey.

In response to what many in our industry have considered unfair, inaccurate standards being enforced on motor carriers who contract with independent owner-operator drivers, the bills seek to codify and more clearly define the role of independent contractors in the drayage industry, helping to preserve the flexibility that the owner-operator model provides.

The Association of Bi-State Motor Carriers had a strong presence at the hearing testifying in favor of the bill, including Communications & Legislative Affairs Director Lisa Yakomin, along with several Bi-State members, independent owner-operator drivers, and other industry stakeholders who spoke on S121's importance to the ongoing viability of the port industry in our region.

Others who testified and/or submitted written testimony in favor of the bill included representatives from the Intermodal Motor Carriers Conference of the American Trucking Associations, the New Jersey Motor Truck Association, New York Shipping Association, Maritime Association of the Port of NY & NJ, National Retail Merchants Association, New Jersey Food Council, and the Port Drivers Association. The Association of Bi-State Motor Carriers would like to thank the large number of Bi-State members who took the time to write to the members of the Senate Labor Committee in support of S121 via our Call to Action initiative. As soon as S121 is posted for a hearing again, the Bi-State will notify its members via a Call to Action announcement.

Drivers *Must* Use Designated Locking/Unlocking Zones at APM

APM Terminals recently unveiled designated areas for the purpose of locking and unlocking containers while on-terminal. **Drivers are not permitted to leave their trucks for this purpose in any area other than the designated zones.** Click on the images below for printable flyers in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) that provide important details on the new areas. Members are encouraged to share these flyers with their drivers.

ATTENTION DRIVERS
IMPORTANT SAFETY ADVISORY AT APM TERMINALS!
 New Areas Designated for Unlocking & Locking Containers

YOU MUST USE ONLY DESIGNATED ZONES FOR UNLOCKING & LOCKING A CONTAINER AT APM TERMINALS

DRIVERS MUST NOT LEAVE THEIR TRUCKS WHEN OUTSIDE THE DESIGNATED AREA
SAFETY VIOLATIONS WILL BE ISSUED!
 Please follow all safety rules while on terminal

Look for these signs to find designated areas

Thank you for your cooperation!
 This important advisory is brought to you by the Association of Bi-State Motor Carriers

Note: These flyers were created by the Bi-State Association as a service to its members. Please take a moment to print them and post this information where your drivers will see it.

We've been advised that safety violations will be issued for drivers who do not follow the rules set forth. As of February 1, 2017, failure to use these zones could result in a ban from the terminal. Your cooperation in ensuring driver compliance is appreciated.

ATENCIÓN CONDUCTORES
¡AVISO IMPORTANTE DE SEGURIDAD EN TERMINALES APM!
 Nuevas Áreas Designadas Para Desbloquear y Bloquear Contenedores

DEBE USAR SOLAMENTE ZONAS DESIGNADAS PARA DESBLOQUEAR Y BLOQUEAR CONTENEDOR EN TERMINALES APM

LOS CONDUCTORES NO DEBEN DEJAR SUS CAMIONES CUANDO FUERA DE LA ÁREA DESIGNADA
¡LA VIOLACIÓN DE LA SEGURIDAD SERÁ EMITIDA!
 Por favor, siga todas las reglas de seguridad mientras esté en el terminal

Observe estas señales para encontrar áreas designadas

¡Gracias por su cooperación!
 Este importante asesoramiento es presentado por la Asociación de Bi-State Motor Carriers

Port Ban on 1994 & 1995 Trucks Takes Effect January 1, 2018

On January 1, 2018, trucks with model years 1994 and 1995 will no longer be permitted to call upon the Port of New York & New Jersey. This mandate is part of ongoing regulations implemented by the Port Authority of NY & NJ to reduce emissions, as per the Clean Air Strategy Report.

Drivers with truck models 1994 through 2000 who call upon the port frequently (at least 150 trips over the past 12 months) and pledge to continue serving the port for at least 5 years are eligible to apply for grant funding through the PANYNJ's Regional Truck Replacement Program, which provides up to \$25,000 for the purchase of a newer vehicle that meets or exceeds 2007 emissions standards. The old truck must be scrapped in order to receive the new one.

For additional information, or to download an application, visit <http://www.panynj.gov/truckers-resources/truck-replacement.html>.



Although still fully EPA-compliant for use in every other port along the Eastern seaboard, as well as all other locations throughout the NY/NJ metro area, 1994 model trucks like the one shown at right will no longer be able to call upon the Port of NY & NJ as of Jan. 1, 2018. 1995 models will also be banned.



2017 MEETING SCHEDULE

February 14	August 8
March 14	September 12
April 11	October 10
May 9	November 14
June 13	December 12
July 11	

Meetings are held at 1000 hours at the NYS Training Center Auditorium, 1210 Corbin St., Elizabeth, New Jersey. Meetings are open to Bi-State members only. For information on becoming a member, visit www.bistatemotorcarriers.com.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 28	Chinese New Year Begins
Feb. 12	Lincoln's Birthday (Observed on February 13)
Feb. 20	President's Day
Mar. 17	Gleason's Birthday
Apr. 14	Good Friday
Apr. 17	Scholarship Forms Due
May 29	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
Sept. 4	Labor Day

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**Join us for our next
General Member Meeting
Tues. February 14 @ 1000 hours**

**NYS Training Ctr. Auditorium
1210 Corbin Street,
Elizabeth, NJ**