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Gulf Mexico Express (GMX) Service Port Rotation Adjustment

In order to further enhance our schedule performance, OOCL has decided to skip the Charleston call in the Gulf Mexico Express (GMX) Service starting from week 30 onwards. The last vessel calling at Charleston will be the MV "Lisa Schulte" 03W26 / 03E29 with an ETA on July 29, 2013.

The new port rotation will take effect with the "Norfolk Express" 34W27 / 34E30 as follows: Thamesport – Antwerp – Bremerhaven – Le Havre – Veracruz – Altamira – Houston – New Orleans – Thamesport.

New service/opportunities ex Rotterdam into Spain and Portugal.

As from last week, OOCL now also offers a direct service between Rotterdam and the ports of Bilbao (Spain) and Lissabon/Leixoes (Portugal), by a weekly service. For rates and further information, please kindly do contact your local sales.

Ghent set up as inland depot

We would like to advise you that we have the possibility of releasing empty 40 FT containers in our Ghent depot, both dry van and high cube equipment. No 20 ft equipment though nor specials like Reefers/Open Tops etc, it's specifically 40 ft dry equipment which is available. If this could suit your logistics export wise, please do not hesitate to contact your usual sales contacts for further information.

The address of the Ghent terminal is :

Intermodaal Platform Gent
Imsakkerlaan 6
Haven 2020 A
9000 Gent

Barge connections to both Antwerp and Rotterdam are available.



We take it personally

First Grand Appearance of OOCL *Chongqing* at Naming Ceremony

At a christening ceremony today, OOCL celebrated the naming of the third 13,208 TEU containership that will be joining the company's fleet this year.

Named the *OOCL Chongqing*, the mega vessel made its first grand appearance at the Samsung Heavy Industries shipyard on Geoje Island, South Korea, in front of many honorable guests and institutional supporters of OOCL that contributed to the success of the newbuild.

In conveying his thanks to the Sponsor, Mr. C. C. Tung, Chairman of Orient Overseas (International) Limited said: "Mr. He represents an international banking giant that OOCL is proud to have had a long-standing business relationship of over 20 years. Since 1990, we have expanded and deepened our business relationship with the BOC and to this day they are one of our top banking partners."

Reflecting on the early days of the partnership, Mr. Tung added: "It almost feels like yesterday when we first worked together in 1991 towards the refinancing of the *OOCL Freedom*, one of the six flagship vessels vital to our fleet in those days that together helped sustain the competitiveness of our liner business. That is why we are very delighted that Mr. He is here to celebrate our success on this newbuild, the *OOCL Chongqing*, and that we look forward to working more closely together in the years ahead."



The OOCL Chongqing makes grand appearance at naming ceremony

The *OOCL Chongqing* will be serving the Asia-Europe trade on the Loop 5 service where her port rotation is: Kwangyang / Busan / Shanghai / Ningbo / Yantian / Shekou / Singapore / Suez Canal / Rotterdam / Hamburg / Southampton / Suez Canal / Singapore and back to Kwangyang in a 77-day round trip.



Update on Containership MOL Comfort Incident

This customer advisory is an update to our June 18 broadcast titled "[Containership MOL Comfort in Distress](#)".

As reported by our alliance partner, MOL, we regret to inform you that the aft section of their containership MOL Comfort sank in the open sea near 14'26"N / 66'26"E (water depth of about 4,000m) at 16:48 JST (11:48 Dubai time) on June 27, after having suffered extensive damage to the hull since June 17 that later caused the vessel to split into two sections. At this time, the fore section of the vessel is still afloat and we understand that our partner has arranged a salvage operation to rescue the hull and the cargo with tug boats. It has been reported that the fore section is currently being towed towards the direction of the Arabian Gulf with the majority of cargo on board. Its destination has yet to be confirmed. Approximately 1,700 containers that were loaded in the aft section are reported to have now been lost at sea. Based on available stowage information, we advise our customers with shipments on this vessel to notify their cargo underwriters of this incident if the cargo is insured.

For further information regarding your cargo, please contact our local Customer Service Representative for details.

To minimize the impact on the LP1 eastbound service, the G6 Alliance partners have arranged the vessel NYK Orion to phase in to the LP1 and take the place of MOL Comfort.

We are in close contact with the ship owner and will update you when we have more information. We appreciate your understanding.

Atlantic Gulf Mexico (AGM) service to be covered by the Gulf Mexico Express (GMX)

We would like to announce that the Atlantic Gulf Mexico (AGM) service will be discontinued in July but our Gulf Mexico Express (GMX) will be able to provide an alternative service coverage within our comprehensive Trans-Atlantic network.

The last westbound sailing for the AGM will be the Northern General 745W departing Le Havre on July 8, and the last eastbound sailing will be the Northern General 746E departing Veracruz on July 29.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support of OOCL. We look forward to serving you on the GMX service.