

# **London Container Terminal secures new fast reefer service for New Zealand, Peru and US**

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**PRESS RELEASE**

## **SEATRADE CHOOSE LONDON CONTAINER TERMINAL FOR NEW FAST TRANSIT PACIFIC, NEW ZEALAND, PERU & US EAST COAST REEFER SERVICE**

### **New Zealand High Commissioner to the United Kingdom welcomes new service**

London Container Terminal (LCT) in Tilbury, has secured a new fast transit reefer service covering PACIFIC, NEW ZEALAND, PERU & US EAST COAST. The Meridian service operated with eight 2,500 TEU capacity vessels, four of which have been specifically built for this reefer orientated service, makes its first call in the UK by the Seatrade Blue this week.

This new scheduled service will trim 9 days out of the existing New Zealand – UK connection alongside improving frequency of North bound sailings from fortnightly to every 10 days. The service which will offer both reefer and dry cargo capacity and will see large volumes of apples, kiwi fruit, frozen goods, wines and yachts from New Zealand and fruit, vegetables and frozen fish from Peru & the US East Coast.

Seatrade's sister company, Streamlines have been calling at London Container Terminal since the inception of the Blue Stream service in 2016, another specialist reefer service connecting Central America to the UK & Europe.

The Meriden service rotation will be: Rotterdam, Dunkirk, Radicatel (Le Havre), Papeete, Noumea, Nelson, Napier, Tauranga, Callao, Païta, Philadelphia, Zeebrugge & Tilbury.

Welcoming the new service, **New Zealand High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, Sir Jerry Mateparae GNZM QSO KStj**: *"Trade is a significant pillar of the UK/NZ relationship - both historically and looking at opportunities in the future. This new service which reduces travel time will help to ensure trade flourishes."*

Commenting on the new service, **Ross McKissock, Asset Manager, London Container Terminal** said: *"Today's announcement is testament to the unique proposition that London Container Terminal offers customers with the closest point of access to the London market, industry leading turnaround times and access to Europe's largest perishables hub on quay."*

*The UK has a strong connection with New Zealand and this rapid route for reefers will ensure that goods arrive quickly and efficiently for the UK market. The service enhances our coverage of the Pacific & US East Coast cementing our position as a leading player in the highly specialised reefer market and offering importers a cost effective Transatlantic & Trans Pacific route to the UK."*

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## Notes

### **About The Port of Tilbury - the major gateway to London and the South East**

The Port of Tilbury is London's major port, providing fast, modern distribution services for the benefit of the South East of England and beyond. The Port of Tilbury is a dynamic and diverse port, handling the full range of cargoes with specialist expertise in the handling of paper and forest products, containers, Ro Ro, grain and bulk commodities and construction and building materials.

Tilbury's strategic location makes it a natural point for distribution, with 18 million people living within 75 miles. Serving the UK's market, the port offers customers excellent transport links to and from the UK's capital and across the South East where over 50% of the population live and work.

The port is a diverse multi-modal hub, covering around 1,100 acres and is well positioned to access the M25 orbital motorway and the rest of the UK's national motorway network. In addition, there are direct rail connections within the port, with access to the whole of the UK rail network, and dedicated barge facilities.

**Tilbury2** - 152 acres of land, including a proposed further deep water jetty, close to the east of the port has been acquired. This land acquisition would bring the total port acreage to 1,100 acres and Forth Ports intends to use this land to extend their current operations with the creation of a new port terminal, to grow to meet the needs of their customers and market demands. It is anticipated that an application for a development consent order to permit the new port terminal will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (acting on behalf of the Department for Transport) in late 2017. It is envisaged that the site will be a construction materials and short-sea shipping hub, handling imported and exported materials and goods. [www.tilbury2.co.uk](http://www.tilbury2.co.uk)

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