

# **Impediments to Cotton Flow**

## **First Mile Effectiveness, Capacity and Commitments**

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# ACSA Overview



- The American Cotton Shippers Association is a trade association primarily made up of cotton merchants founded in 1924.
- Collectively, our members handle the vast majority of US Cotton Production and foreign growths traded globally. Our services consist of merchandising, delivery logistics, and risk management.
- As the US Cotton Industry has shifted its' consumption exponentially more to export sales, ACSA has become more relevant in advocating for and meeting the needs of the US Producer and the global supply chain.

# Our Focus: US Cotton



# US Cotton Network



# Early Return Dates (ERD)

## **ACSA members require:**

- ERD indicated on all booking confirmations.
- No ERD changes within 5 working days' of the original booking confirmation ERD date.
- ERD changes need to be communicated with 2 hours to the booking party and their trucker.
- Ocean carriers and marine terminals allow original empty equipment release even when ERD changes to allow planned pickups to take place.

# Early Return Dates (ERD) II

## **ACSA members require:**

- ERD aligned between ocean carriers and the marine terminals.
- Ocean carrier e-business sites should always have the most current information.

# Chassis Interoperability

## **ACSA members require:**

- Ocean carriers should not designate chassis provider for CY bookings.
- Shippers and their truckers should be allowed decide where to pick up chassis.
- When no good order chassis are available, chassis provider shall perform chassis repair within three (3) hours.

# Street Turn Fees



**ACSA will work with other like-minded organizations** to oppose ocean carrier implementation of street turn charges for the use of import ocean containers immediately for export loads. The proposed charge represents an export efficiency tax on merchants and their truckers that will increase costs despite cost and effectiveness benefits for the ocean carriers and overall export supply chain velocity.



# Vessel Sailing Cancellations

**ACSA will work with the FMC to enforce the aims of the U.S. Shipping Act** including to promote the growth and development of United States exports through competitive and efficient ocean transportation through market-based review of ocean carrier vessel sailing cancellations which significantly impede US exports.

**Thank you.**

