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Subject: Fast Track Coasting Trade Application – “MSC Sagitta III and MSC Baltic ”

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Good Day,

We are requesting processing of a coasting trade application for the above vessel using the **fast track** method. The proceeding documentation will provide details of the application and demonstrate necessary regulatory requirements.

Should you require clarification on any points in the application or have any questions in general, please contact the undersigned.

Regards,

Mike Murphy, CTCS, CCS (Canada/United States)
Consulting & Compliance Supervisor

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**Application for Vessel Temporary Admission
to the Coasting Trade of Canada**

1. DETAILS OF THE VESSEL

(a) Name / Registry / IMO Number

MSC Sagitta III (IMO 9401166) and MSC Baltic (IMO 9241475)

(b) Category and Type

Container vessels

(c) Summary of Technical Specifications

MSC Sagitta III

Gross Ton: 36519

Deadweight: 42614

Length: 228.62 M

Width: 32.22 M

Draught: 12.02

MSC Baltic

Gross Ton : 25407

Deadweight: 373767

Length: 207.4 M

Width: 29.8 M

Draught: 11.4 M

(d) Special Characteristics of Vessel

MSC Sagitta III

Built : 2010

TEU Capacity : 3426

Gear/Gearless : NO

REEFER PLUGS : 392+108

MSC Baltic

Built : 2003

TEU Capacity : 2526

Gear/Gearless : 3 X 45T

REEFER PLUGS : 300+100

2. SCOPE OF WORK

(a) Geographical Location

from PSA Halifax, both Terminal Atlantic Hub and Fairview Cove to Montreal Termont section Viau and Maisonneuve

(b) Details of Operation

The SAGITTA III will arrive in Halifax on/approx. November 18th, 2024. She will berth at PSA Halifax Terminals and will start her cabotage operations once all immigration formalities are complete.

The MSC BALTIC will arrive in HALIFAX around the same date (19th November). She will berth at PSA Halifax Terminals and will start her cabotage operations once all immigration formalities are complete.

Both vessels will load containers (Import fulls local Montreal) that was discharged in Halifax. Cargo details in Atlantic Hub: 112 reefer units local MTL, 506 TEU Dry local MTL, 52 Dry that costumer changed final destination or MSC Terminated the voyage. Fairview Cove: approx. 175 Reefer units local MTL(terminated, changed COD), 54 TEU dry local MTL and 5000 (approx.) TEU dry that costumer changed final destination or MSC Terminated the voyage.

N.B1. Reefer containers contains high value cargo, Pharmaceutical, and other types of goods that needs close monitoring and increased velocity.

N.B2. Dry units contain some goods that needs to be underdeck, the ship needs to have this option, and this is why we use the MSC SAGITTA III.

Once the above cargo is loaded, both vessel will bring it to MONTREAL for the costumers to pick up. The ship will also move empty units to balance the supply chain (IMPORT / EXPORT / empty returns needs) and realign the inland dynamic (trucking and railways).

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The number of voyages between Montreal and Halifax is projected as being 3 voyages for each vessel (approx).

(c) Special Characteristics or Requirements

Capability of carrying 20 and 40 foot containers.

(d) CBSA Office of Importation

Halifax, NS

(e) CBSA Office of Accounting

Halifax, NS

3. REASONS FOR A FAST TRACK APPLICATION

(a) Reasons the Minimum Advance Notice of 30 Days Could Not Be Provided

Unforeseen and sudden strike/labor actions that forced us to take urgent decisions. TIL and MSC Terminals were targeted first and we had to urgently reroute 4 ships (MSC NAHARA, MSC LEVINA III, MSC ENGLAND, MSC JORDAN III) destined to Montreal to Halifax.

(b) Date the Applicant Became Aware of the Requirement or Opportunity to Conduct the Proposed Activity

MSC became aware of the requirement when the Port Of Montreal longshoremen declared a strike impacting Termont Terminals and it lead on to the MEA declaring a full lockout of the Port on Sunday, November 10th 2024 at 2100 HOURS - our ships were already on their way to MONTREAL, we had to urgently divert 4

(c) Canadian Operators of Canadian-Registered Ships Contacted Prior Application Filing

They have no official answer from other Canadian Shipping lines.

(d) Detailed Description of the Economic Consequences of not Obtaining a Coasting Trade Licence in Terms of Negative Impact on Business or Communities

Please see attached letters from the port of Halifax and Montreal.

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4. PERIOD OF TIME FOR WHICH PERMISSION IS REQUIRED

Start Date: November 24/24

Completion Date: December 31/24

Permission Required By: November 22/24

5. ADDITIONAL APPLICATION INFORMATION

(a) **Changes to the Dates Proposed**

The dates cannot change due to contractual obligations of our client (client)

(b) **Reasons Why the Applicant Determined No Alternative But to Import the Foreign Vessel**

Our client is not aware of any vessels of this class being available for the scope of work detailed in the proceeding application in Canada.

(c) **Names of Operators of Canadian-Registered Ships Who Have Been Contacted Before the Filing of This Application**

They have no official answer from other Canadian Shipping lines.

6. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This application is made under provisions of the *Coasting Trade Act*, *Oceans Act* and the *Customs and Excise Offshore Application Act*.

7. DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT / CLIENT

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Name of Client:	Mediterranean Shipping Company(Canada) Inc

8. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANTS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Signature

Date

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By email

November 14, 2024

Mister Serge Bijimine
Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy
Transport Canada
Marine Safety, Place de Ville
Mailstop: AMS
330 Sparks Street
Ottawa, ON, K1A 0N8

Subject: Support for MSC (Canada) Request for Temporary Exemption for Container Transport between Halifax and Montreal

Dear Mr. Bijimine,

I am writing to you in my capacity as President and CEO of the Montréal Port Authority (MPA) to express our full support for the request submitted by MSC (Canada) for a temporary exemption to allow for the transportation of containers by vessel between the Port of Halifax and the Port of Montreal.

This request is motivated by an unexpected and sudden disruption resulting from an ongoing work stoppage. The operational impact of such a disruption, combined with the critical nature of many goods being transported, has created a significant challenge for both the Port of Montreal and the Port of Halifax, as well as the many businesses that rely on the smooth flow of goods between these locations. Let's also add that marine container shipping is the most carbon-efficient method and will help avoid greenhouse gas emissions that would otherwise be generated by alternative modes of transport.

As you know, the period from November to early December is a critical time for numerous industries, particularly those involved in the biofood sector. A substantial portion of the affected cargo consists of perishable products, including fresh produce, dairy, and other time-sensitive biofood goods. The transportation of these products is essential not only for local businesses but also for consumers who depend on these products within a short shelf life. Delays in the movement of these goods could lead to significant financial losses for the affected companies, harm to local supply chains, and, ultimately, reduced availability of vital products for the Canadian population.

Given the circumstances, the Montréal Port Authority strongly believes that a prompt and efficient resolution is needed to minimize the negative impact on our port operations, as well as the broader Canadian economy. A prolonged disruption would inevitably result in a loss of value for goods in transit, reduced economic activity, and a decline in the competitiveness of Canadian imports and exports. Such outcomes would be detrimental not only to Quebec, but also to Ontario, as both provinces rely heavily on the efficiency of our supply chains.

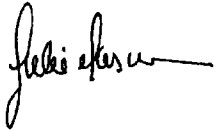
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We understand the importance of collaboration among all stakeholders to ensure the swift and safe return of fluidity to the supply chain serving Quebec, Ontario, and beyond. The Montréal Port Authority stands ready to work with all relevant partners and authorities to support this request and facilitate the necessary measures to restore full operational capacity as quickly as possible.

It is in the best interest of Canadians that we avoid unnecessary disruptions that could adversely affect the movement of critical goods and services. By supporting MSC (Canada)'s request, we can mitigate the risks of economic loss and ensure that essential products continue to reach our communities without undue delay.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We are confident that your decision will prioritize the well-being of Canadian businesses and consumers.

The President and CEO,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julie Gascon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Julie Gascon

c. c. Mr. Sokat Shaikh, MSC Mediterranean Shipping Company, CEO



By email

November 14, 2024

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Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy
Transport Canada
Marine Safety, Place de Ville
Mailstop : AMS
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Ottawa, ON
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serge.bijimine@tc.gc.ca

Subject: Support for MSC Canada Request for Temporary Exemption for Container Transport between Halifax and Montreal

Dear Mr. Bijimine:

As the President and CEO of the Halifax Port Authority (HPA), I am writing to you to confirm our full support for Mediterranean Shipping Company (Canada) Inc.'s (MSC Canada) application for a temporary exemption under the *Coasting Trade Act* to expedite a solution to the current container cargo dwell situation in the Port of Halifax.

Timely approval of the application will support commercial shipping activity and enable MSC Canada to move critical containers for Quebec and Ontario consignees to the Port of Montreal as quickly as possible. This initiative help will alleviate the negative impact on numerous businesses and communities in Quebec and Ontario.

Approximately 5,000 import containers for Ontario and Quebec discharged in the Port of Halifax have placed pressure on all supply chain partners including terminals, labour, trucking and rail. Of the 5,000 containers, about 200 are temperature-controlled, time sensitive and contain high-value goods such as pharmaceutical products, and perishable goods including products with limited shelf life. Other stranded containers hold industrial parts and materials for manufacturing in Central Canada.

The HPA is receiving daily calls and emails from Canadian companies in all sectors inquiring about the status of their containers. Current yard utilization at Halifax's two container terminals are at 60% and 92%, while the temperature controlled section capacity is at 95% and 65% respectively.

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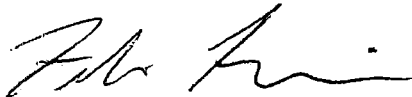
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As of this morning, the ground counts for intermodal rail containers are at 48,000 feet and 33,000 feet. The Port of Halifax is facing a steep operational challenge to recover without approval of the requested transshipment option.

HPA continues to work with supply chain partners including shippers, shipping lines, terminals, and CN to find coordinated and collaborative solutions. Approval of MSC's application will help significantly and quickly alleviate a tenuous situation.

Should you require additional information, do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,



Fulvio Fracassi
President & CEO
Halifax Port Authority

CC: Mr. Sokat Shaikh, MSC Mediterranean Shipping Company (Canada), CEO



**APPLICATION FOR VESSEL TEMPORARY
ADMISSION TO THE COASTING TRADE OF CANADA -
COASTING TRADE LICENCE REQUIRED**

Pursuant to the *Coasting Trade Act*, December 1, 1992, and
P.C. 1990-939 *Vessel Duties Reduction or
Removal Regulations*

Questions concerning the CBSA licensing process should be directed to:

Canada Border Services Agency
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191 Laurier Ave. W., 12th Floor
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Fax: (613) 946-0242
E-mail: coastingtrade-cabotage@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca

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Telephone: (819) 997-8354
Fax: (819) 934-0631
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website: www.otc-cta.gc.ca

Please provide the following details and attach your summary of the request for vessel temporary importation (print or type).

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LICENCE DE CABOTAGE REQUISE**

Conformément à la *Loi sur le cabotage* du 1^{er} décembre 1992 et au
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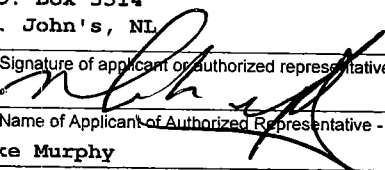
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Télécopieur : 613-946-0242
Courriel : coastingtrade-cabotage@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca

Pour toutes questions s'adressant à l'Office des transports du Canada :

Office des transports du Canada
Division des déterminations relatives aux transports ferroviaire et maritime
15, rue Eddy
Gatineau (Québec) K1A 0N9
Téléphone : 819-997-8354
Courriel : maritime@cta-otc.gc.ca
Site Web : www.otc-cta.gc.ca

Veuillez remplir le présent formulaire en lettres moulées, et annexer le sommaire de votre demande d'importation temporaire.

1. Characteristics of vessel - Caractéristiques du navire			
(a) Name of vessel - Nom du navire MSC Baltic		(b) Country of Registry - Pays d'immatriculation Portugal	
(c) Category/Type vessel - Catégorie/type de navire Container vessel			
(d) Gross register tonnage - Jauge brute 25407 MT	(e) Deadweight tonnage capacity Port en lourd 33767 MT	(f) Summer draft Tirant d'eau d'été 11.4M	(g) Passenger berth capacity (cruise ship) Nombre de couchettes pour passagers (navire de croisière)
2. Complete description of the proposed engagement/operation - Description complète de l'affectation ou de l'opération proposée			
(a) Geographical location(s) including origin, destination, and all points/ports to be served Lieux géographiques (y compris le point d'origine, la destination et tous les autres points ou ports à desservir) As per attached.			
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3. Details of the Importer - Détail de l'importateur			
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Postal code - Code postal A1C 5W4		(d) E-mail address - Adresse électronique mmurphy@pfcollins.com	
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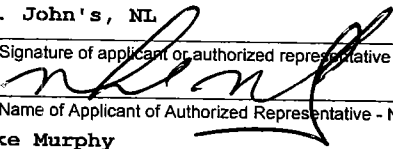
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