

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



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(via State Clearinghouse CEQAnet)

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Project Title: Tariff Amendment to Port of Long Beach Tariff No. 4, with rate adjustments to Items 260 (Dockage Charges), 310-399 (Wharfage Charges), and 412 (Containerized Demurrage Charges)

State Clearinghouse No.:

Specific Project Location Throughout the Harbor District

Project Location – City: Long Beach

Project Location – County: Los Angeles County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: Amendment to Port of Long Beach Tariff No. 4, effective July 1, 2025, including the following: Item 260 – Dockage Charges: Increase rates by 6%, Item 310 – Merchandise, N.O.S.: Increase Merchandise, N.O.S. Wharfage Rate by 3%, Item 315 – Loaded Containers: Increase containerized Wharfage Rates by 3%, Item 374 – Empty Containers: Increase containerized Empty Wharfage Rates by 20%, Items 354 through 399 – Non-container Commodities: Amend/update tariff item descriptions; delete tariff items that are obsolete; and increase relevant non-containerized Wharfage Rates by 3%, Item 412 – Demurrage: Increase containerized Demurrage Charges by 32%.

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial Exemption [Section 21080(b)(1); 15268];
- Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project [Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)]
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: 15273 Rates, Tolls, Fares and Charges
- Common Sense Exemption (Section 15061(b)(3))
- Other:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Section 15273 (Rates, Tolls, Fares and Charges): The Statutory Exemption consists of the establishment, modification, structuring, restructuring, or approval of rates, tolls, fares, or other charges by public agencies which the public agency finds are for the purpose of meeting operation expenses. The Amendment to Port of Long Beach Tariff No. 4, includes several rate changes, effective July 1, 2025.

The Port has determined that none of the exceptions to the exemptions in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15300.2 foreclose the use of the categorical exemption CEQA Guidelines Section 15273 (Rates, Tolls, Fares and Charges). Therefore, the Project is exempt from CEQA and no further environmental review is required.

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