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Project Title: Tariff Amendment to Tariff No. 4, Items 106, 170, 315, and Addition of Item 307

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Project Location – Specific: Long Beach 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, Item 106 (revise the term and definition by replacing Chief Executive with Chief Executive Officer); Item 170 (revise the term Domestic Merchandise to include Domestic Cargo and Domestic Container, and expand the definition to be more specific on what qualifies as Domestic Merchandise, Domestic Cargo, or Domestic Container); and Item 315 (revise Containerized Wharfage Charges by removing the Exception Cargo rates). Notes 1 and 3 will be deleted from Item 315, along with any reference to Notes 1, 2, and 3. Note 2 will be renamed as Note, being the only Note to the Item. Item 307 (Domestic Container Incentive Program) will be added to Tariff No. 4 which incentivizes domestic containers moved through the Port of Long Beach at $3 per twenty-foot equivalent unit (TEU) for inbound and outbound 20-foot and 40-foot containers. For inbound containers that are 45-foot and more, the incentive is $7 and for outbound containers that are 45-foot and more, it is $12. Incentive payments are payable to marine terminal operators in the first quarter of the calendar year for incentives earned in the previous calendar year.

Exempt Status:

☐ 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: [Section(s) and Class(es) Auto-Filled]**Error! Reference source not found.**
☒ Statutory Exemption. State code number: Section 15273 Rates, Tolls, Fares, and Charges.
☒ Common Sense Exemption (Section 15061(b)(3))
☐ Other:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Statutory Exemption 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 Project amends Tariff No. 4, Item 315, revising Containerized Wharfage Charges by removing the Exception Cargo rates, and deletes Notes 1 and 3, along with any reference to Notes 1, 2, and 3. Note 2 will be renamed as Note, being the only Note to the Item. In addition, the Tariff amendment will add Item 307 (Domestic Container Incentive Program) which incentivizes domestic containers moved through the Port of Long Beach at $3 per twenty-foot equivalent unit (TEU) for inbound and outbound 20-foot and 40-foot containers. For inbound containers that are 45-foot and more, the incentive is $7 and for outbound containers that are 45-foot and more, it is $12.

Common Sense Exemption Section 15061(b)(3): CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The project also amends Tariff No. 4, Item 106, replacing the term Chief Executive with Chief Executive Officer, and amends Item 170 revising the term Domestic Merchandise to include Domestic Cargo and Domestic Container, and expands the definition to be more specific on what qualifies as Domestic Merchandise, Domestic Cargo, or Domestic Container. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the amendment to Port Tariff No. 4, Items 106 and 170 will have a significant effect on the environment; therefore, it is exempt from CEQA.

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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