

FORTY (40) FOOT CONTAINERS IMPORTATION POLICY

1. Any request to import an oversized receptacle **MUST** be presented to the Ports Operation Office at least two (2) weeks in advance of the anticipated voyage of the carrying vessel. Requests will not be considered if the carrying vessel is already in route to Bermuda.
2. Importers must give the shipping line six (6) months advance notice to source a twenty foot (20) container for undersized cargo if none are available
3. Importers are required to transfer cargo arriving into the U.S. in 40' containers that can be accommodated in 20' containers, to 20' containers, prior to it being loaded on any Bermuda bound vessel.
4. The cargo to be landed must be an indivisible load that cannot be physically carried in twenty-foot (20) units.
5. The cargo within the 40' container must be of the same type of material. For example: marine equipment, construction materials, furnishings, machinery, vehicles. Note that food and beverage items will always be required to be imported in 20' containers as they can always fit within a 20' container.
6. The cargo that is oversized and will not fit in a 20' container must be 50% of the volume of the cargo or 40% of the value of the cargo within the container. This requirement is to stop importers from purchasing low value, low volume items that are oversized and using them to justify a 40' container.
7. The oversized container/receptacle must have prior clearance in writing from the Transport Control Department to be delivered "Over - The - Road" - (copies of which have been provided to the Ports Operations Office and to Stevedoring Services Limited).
8. The Consignment must be pre-cleared with H.M. Customs so that it can be delivered immediately upon discharge from the carrying vessel.
9. The forty foot (40) container/receptacle must move directly from the carrying vessel to its mode of transport so that it can immediately be removed from the docks.
10. The forty foot (40) container/receptacle must **not** be stripped on the docks.
11. When the forty foot (40) container/receptacle is ready for export it can only be returned to the docks when the carrying vessel is ready to receive it on board. It **MUST** move directly onto the carrying vessel from its mode of transport.
12. A Two Hundred and Fifty Dollar (\$250.00) non-refundable fee must be submitted with each forty foot (40) container application.