



# Participate in the Green Flag Program

*Reduce Your Dockage Rates and Help the Environment*

**T**he Port of Long Beach Green Flag Program rewards vessel operators for slowing cargo ships within 40 nautical miles (nm) of the harbor. Consistently slowing down can earn your company up to a 25 percent reduction in dockage rates.

If you're not already a Green Flag carrier, don't wait to participate in the program. Ocean carriers that achieve a 90 percent compliance rate in the calendar year 2010 are eligible. You can earn the "Green Plus Rate" of 25 percent reduction on dockage fees paid to the Port of Long Beach if you slow from 40 nm; or the standard "Green Flag Rate" of 15 percent reduction, for slowing from 20 nm.

The 90 percent compliance rate is attainable with consistent participation — but the compliance period begins **January 1, 2010!**

More than 90 percent of vessels now comply with the Green Flag Program, slowing down ships to 12 knots at least within 20 nm of Point Fermin. Compliance with the 40 nm zone is at 70 percent. The program helps to cut air pollution such as smog-forming nitrogen oxides, diesel particulate matter and greenhouse gases.

The Port has added for 2010 a new option for vessel operators. For those vessels that qualify, the Port can allow a vessel operator to travel at an "Alternative Emission Reduction Speed" which is more than 12 knots, but has been verified in the particular vessel as more efficient and less polluting than 12 knots or slower.



Overall, vessel operators that achieve 90 percent participation in either the 20 nm or 40 nm zones will earn a Green Flag achievement award to recognize their environmental contributions.

The speed of every vessel in the speed-reduction zone is measured and recorded by the Marine Exchange of Southern California.

The Port of Long Beach greatly appreciates your cooperation with this important air quality program.

For more information on the Green Flag program please email [greenflag@polb.com](mailto:greenflag@polb.com) or call the Port's Trade Relations Division at 562-590-4110