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Industry Advisory – Dead Runs

Following the Commissioner's decision on Harbour Link Container Services Inc. ([CTC Decision No. 13/2020](#)), the Office of the BC Container Trucking Commissioner ("OBCCTC") is issuing a reminder to CTS Licensees regarding payment for dead runs.¹

The [Commissioner's Rate Order](#), and the *Container Trucking Regulation* (the "Regulation") before it, establish minimum "per trip" rates which must be paid for every "trip." The *Regulation* defines "on-dock" and "off-dock" trips as container movements between two locations ("facility" or "marine terminal"). In the case of a dead run, a container is moved from one location to another location, even if that location is not its intended destination. The container has moved between two locations, which constitutes a "trip" with a corresponding trip rate.

Therefore, drivers must be paid full trip rates for dead runs. Unpaid container moves or dead runs contravene the *Act*.

Licence holders were also advised of this in a [bulletin](#) published on October 22, 2018.

Sincerely,

OFFICE OF THE BC CONTAINER TRUCKING COMMISSIONER

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Commissioner

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Deputy Commissioner

¹ A dead run is when a driver is dispatched with a container but cannot deliver that container to its intended destination for one of several reasons outside of the driver's control (for example, because a container terminal has been closed).