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RULES, TERMS, CONDITIONS
AND BREAK-BULK FROZEN SEAFOOD FREIGHT RATES

FOR
WATER/RAIL TRANSPORTATION
AND RELATED SERVICES

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DUTCH HARBOR, ALASKA
AND NAMED PLACES IN THE EASTERN UNITED STATES

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PARTICIPATING CARRIERS

SCAC Alpha Code	Name of Carrier
AICN	American Seafoods Company LLC
NBSR	New Brunswick Southern Railway Company Limited
KIFL	Kloosterboer International Forwarding LLC
N/A	Bayside Canadian Railway Company Limited

DEFINITIONS

Carrier	Carrier refers to American Seafoods Company LLC, its subcontractors, authorized agents and all directors, officers and employees thereof.
Consignee	Consignee refers to the entity identified by Shipper to receive the goods.
Goods	Goods refers to those items of personal property with respect to which Carrier has been requested to or does provide services, including all packing and packaging thereof as well as all other articles or materials associated therewith, including, but without limitation, crates, cradles, pallets, and containers. The terms “goods” shall be deemed synonymous with “shipments,” “cargo,” “cargoes,” “pieces,” “packages,” “commodities,” and “personal property.”
Shipper	Shipper refers to the entity engaging Carrier with respect to the goods, unless the context herein otherwise clearly indicates to the contrary, and shall include the owner, consignor, Consignee and all others who may have a right of claim by, through or with respect to the goods.

ABBREVIATIONS

LBS	Pounds
MT	Metric Tons
WM	2,000 pounds or 40 cubic feet, whichever produces the greater revenue
USD	United States Dollars

REFERENCE MARKS

^	Denote increase
±	Denote decrease
°	Denote no change in rates
#	Denote reissued matter or page
⊙	Denote a change in wording resulting in neither an increase nor decrease
+	Denote an addition
⊖	Denote a deletion
€	Subject to an expiration date

RULES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

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<p><u>Application of Rates – General</u></p> <p>(1) Rates apply via a combination of water-rail routes.</p> <p>(2) Goods to named places herein will be accepted and handled only when the quantity offered equals or exceeds a quantity of 500 metric tons.</p> <p>(3) Rates do not include pick up in Alaska other than at Dutch Harbor.</p>	100
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<p data-bbox="186 268 803 304"><u>Loss/Damage Claims – Conditions Precedent</u></p> <p data-bbox="186 346 1120 451">The following are conditions precedent to recovery against Carrier with respect to any loss or damage to goods, including injury, delay, shortage, misdelivery, failure to deliver and the like.</p> <ol data-bbox="186 493 1128 1732" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="186 493 1128 703">(1) The goods must be carefully inspected by Shipper or Consignee immediately upon delivery, and any loss or damage which would then be evident must be noted on Carrier’s copy of the bill of lading and/or delivery receipt or the goods shall be conclusively presumed to have been delivered in the same good order, count and condition as when received. <li data-bbox="186 714 1128 955">(2) In the event of loss or damage which would not be ascertainable at delivery, written notice of loss, damage, shortage, etc. involving the goods must be given to Carrier within fifteen days of delivery, after which time with no such notice having been given it shall be conclusively presumed that the goods were delivered in the same good order, count and condition as when received. <li data-bbox="186 966 1128 1186">(3) In the event of goods which are delayed, lost or otherwise not delivered, Carrier must be given written notice of the delay, loss or failure to deliver within fifteen days from the date upon which the goods should have been delivered or the goods shall be conclusively presumed to have been delivered in the same good order, count and condition as when received. <li data-bbox="186 1197 1128 1291">(4) Carrier shall have a reasonable opportunity to inspect the goods, including their packing and packaging, in the same condition as upon delivery and before any alteration or destruction thereof. <li data-bbox="186 1302 1128 1396">(5) Written claim for loss/damage, specifying the particulars thereof, must be filed with the Carrier within nine months of delivery or the date by which the goods should have been delivered. <li data-bbox="186 1407 1128 1501">(6) Any suit against the Carrier must be filed within two years from the date that the Carrier provides written notice that it has disallowed a claim or any part of a claim specified in the notice. <li data-bbox="186 1512 1128 1585">(7) There shall be no recovery against Carrier until freight and all charges due Carrier have been paid in full. <li data-bbox="186 1596 1128 1732">(8) In the event of loss or injury occurring in the custody of Carrier, the liability of Carrier will be determined by the bill of lading and the law applicable to water transportation. The liability of the delivering carrier is the same as that of the water carrier. <p data-bbox="186 1743 1128 1806">Offers of compromise from Carrier and communications from Carrier’s insurer shall not constitute a disallowance of a claim or any part thereof.</p>	<p data-bbox="1161 268 1209 304">400</p>

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<p><u>Loss/Damage Claims, Filing of</u></p> <p>A claim for loss or damage to goods, including injury, delay, shortage, misdelivery, failure to deliver and the like, shall not be paid by Carrier unless filed with Carrier within the time limits applicable thereto and as otherwise may be required by law, the terms and conditions of the bill of lading or transportation agreement and all tariff provisions applicable thereto as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) A written and/or electronic communication (when agreed to by Carrier and Shipper or Receiver involved) from the claimant must be filed with Carrier within the appropriate time limit. (2) Such communication must contain facts sufficient to identify the shipment of goods. (3) Such communication must assert that Carrier is liable for the alleged loss, damage, etc. (4) Such communication must make a claim for a specific or determinable amount of money. <p><i>Provided that</i>, where claims are electronically handled, procedures are established to ensure reasonable carrier access to supporting documents.</p> <p>Bad order reports, appraisal reports of damage, notations of shortage or damage, or both, on freight bills, delivery receipts, inspection reports, bills of lading or other documents issued by Carrier or their inspection agencies, standing alone, shall not be sufficient communication for purposes of this Item, whether or not such indicates the extent of loss, damage, etc. and/or a dollar figure for such loss, damage, etc.</p> <p>Whenever a loss, damage, etc. claim is presented against Carrier for an uncertain amount, such “USD -100 more or less,” Carrier shall determine the condition of the goods involved at the time of delivery, if it was delivered, and shall ascertain as nearly possible the extent, if any, of the loss, damage, etc. for which it may be responsible. It shall not, however, voluntarily pay a claim under such circumstances unless and until a formal claim in writing for a specified or determinable amount of money shall have been filed in accordance herewith.</p> <p>If investigation of a claim develops that one or more other carriers have been presented with a similar claim on the same shipment, Carrier investigating such claim shall communicate with each such other carrier and, prior to any agreements entered into, between, or among them as to the proper disposition of such claim or claims, shall notify all claimants of the receipt of conflicting or overlapping claims and shall require further substantiation, on the part of each claimant of his/her title to the property involved or his/her right with respect to such claim.</p>	<p>401</p>

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<p><u>Loss/Damage Claims, Acknowledgement of</u></p> <p>Carrier shall, upon receipt of a loss, damage, etc. claim in the manner described herein, acknowledge the receipt of such claim in writing or electronically to the claimant within 30 days after the date of its receipt, unless Carrier shall have paid or declined such claim in writing or electronically within 30 days of the receipt thereof. Carrier shall indicate in its acknowledgement to the claimant what, if any, additional documentary evidence or other pertinent information may be required by it to further process the claim as its preliminary examination of the claim, as filed, may have revealed.</p> <p>Carrier shall at the time each claim is received create a separate file and assign thereto a successive claim file number and note that number on all documents filed in support of the claim and all records and correspondence with respect to the claim, including the acknowledgement of receipt. At the time such claim is received, Carrier shall cause the date of receipt to be recorded on the face of the claim document, and the date of receipt shall also appear in Carrier's acknowledgement of receipt to claimant. Carrier shall also cause the claim file number to be noted on the shipping order, if in its possession, and the delivery receipt, if any, covering the shipment, unless Carrier has otherwise established an orderly and consistent internal procedure for assuring:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) That all information contained in shipping orders, delivery receipts, tally sheets, and all other pertinent records made with respect to the transportation of the shipment on which claim is made, is available for examination upon receipt of a claim; (2) That all such records and documents (or true and complete reproductions thereof) are in fact examined in the course of the investigation of the claim (and an appropriate record is made that such examination has in fact taken place); and (3) That such procedures prevent the duplicate or otherwise unlawful payment of claims. 	402

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<p><u>Loss/Damage Claims, Investigation of</u></p> <p>Prompt Investigation: Each loss, damage, etc. claim filed with Carrier in the manner prescribed herein shall be promptly and thoroughly investigated if investigation has not already been made prior to Carrier's receipt thereof.</p> <p>Supporting Documentation: When a necessary part of an investigation and/or when requested by Carrier, each claim shall be supported by the original bill of lading, evidence of freight charges, if any, and either the original invoice, a photographic copy of the original invoice, or an exact copy thereof or any extract made therefrom, certified by the claimant to be true and correct with respect to the goods and value involved in the claim; or certification of prices or values, with trade or other discounts, allowance or deductions, of any nature whatsoever and the terms thereof, or depreciation reflected thereon; <i>Provided, however</i>, that where goods involved in a claim have not been invoiced to Consignee shown on the bill of lading or where an invoice does not show price or value, or where the goods involved have been sold, or where the goods have been transferred at booking values only, Carrier shall, before voluntarily paying a claim, require the claimant to establish destination value in the quantity, shipped, transported, or involved; <i>Provided, further</i>, that when supporting documents are determined to be a necessary part of an investigation, the supporting documents are retained by Carriers for possible inspection by applicable federal agencies.</p> <p>Verification of loss: When an asserted claim for loss of an entire shipment cannot be otherwise authenticated upon investigation, Carrier shall obtain from Consignee a certified statement in writing that the goods for which the claim is filed have not been received from any other source.</p>	403
<p><u>Loss/Damage Claims, Disposition of</u></p> <p>Subject to the provisions of this tariff, Carrier, upon receipt of a loss, damage, etc. claim as required herein, shall pay, decline, or make a firm compromise settlement offer in writing or electronically to the claimant within 120 days after receipt of the claim by Carrier; <i>Provided, however</i>, that if the claim cannot be processed and disposed of within 120 days after receipt thereof, Carrier shall at that time and at the expiration of each succeeding 60-day period while the claim remains pending, advise the claimant in writing or electronically of the status of the claim and the reason for the delay in making final disposition thereof and it shall retain a copy of such in its claim file thereon.</p>	404

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<p data-bbox="186 235 483 268"><u>Processing of Salvage</u></p> <p data-bbox="186 310 1133 850">Whenever goods transported by Carrier are damaged or alleged to be damaged and are, as a consequence thereof, not delivered or rejected or refused upon delivery to the owner, consignee, or person entitled to receive such goods, Carrier, after giving due notice, whenever practicable to do so to the owner and other parties who may have an interest therein, and unless advised to the contrary after giving such notice, shall undertake to sell or dispose of such goods directly or by the employment of a competent salvage agent. Carrier shall only dispose of the property in a manner that will fairly and equally protect the best interest of all persons having an interest therein. Carrier shall create an itemized record sufficient to identify the goods involved so has to be able to correlate them to the shipment or transportation involved, and claim, if any, filed thereon. Carrier shall also assign to each lot of goods a successive lot number and note that lot number on its record of the shipment and claim, if any claim is filed thereon.</p> <p data-bbox="186 892 1133 1108">Whenever disposition of salvage goods shall be made directly to an agent or employee of Carrier or through a salvage agent or company in which Carrier or one or more of its directors, officers or managers has any interest, financial or otherwise, Carrier's salvage records shall fully reflect the particulars of each transaction, relationship, or both as the case may be.</p> <p data-bbox="186 1150 1133 1367">Upon receipt of a claim on a shipment on which the salvage has been processed in the above-described manner, Carrier shall record in its claim filed thereon the lot number assigned, the amount of money, if any, recovered from the disposition of the goods, and the date of transmittal of such money to the person or persons lawfully entitled to receive the same.</p>	<p data-bbox="1156 235 1209 268">405</p>

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<p><u>Overcharge Claims, Conditions Precedent</u></p> <p>The following are condition precedents to recovery against Carrier with respect to any overcharge claim, whether for overcharge, duplicate payment, over collections or otherwise:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shipper must contest the original bill or subsequent bill within 180 days of its receipt in order to have the right to contest such charges. 2. Suit against Carrier must be filed within 18 months after such claim accrues, or within 3 years after such claim accrues in the event the claimant has filed a complaint with the Surface Transportation Board. 3. The time limitations set forth in paragraph 2, above, shall be extended 6 months from the time written notice is given to the claimant by the Carrier of any disallowance of any part of the claim specified in the notice if a written claim is given to Carrier within those limitation periods. The limitation periods are extended for 90 days from the time Carrier begins a civil action if Carrier has separately sued with respect to the same transportation within the limitations period or Carrier collects the charge for that transportation (without bringing a civil action) if that collection occurs within the limitations period. 	406
<p><u>Overcharge Claims, Filing of</u></p> <p>A overcharge claim, whether for overcharge, duplicate payment, overcollection or otherwise, shall not be paid unless filed in writing with the Carrier that collected the freight and other transportation charges. American Seafoods Company LLC shall be the carrier to process all such claims. When claim is filed with another carrier participating in the transportation, that carrier shall transmit the claim to American Seafoods within 15 days after receipt of the claim. If American Seafoods is unable to dispose of the claim for any reason, the claim may be filed with or transferred to any participating carrier for final disposition.</p> <p>A single claim may include more than one shipment provided the claim on each shipment involves:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) the same tariff issue or authority or circumstances; (2) single line service by the same carrier; or (3) service by the same interline carriers. 	407

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<p><u>Overcharge Claims, Documentation of</u></p> <p>(a) Overcharge claims shall be accompanied by sufficient information to allow Carrier to conduct an investigation and pay or decline the claim within the time limitations set forth herein. Claims shall include the name of the claimant, its file number, if any, and the amount of the refund sought to be recovered, if known.</p> <p>(b) Except when the original freight bill is not a paper document but is electronically transmitted, claims for overcharge shall be accompanied by the original freight bill. Additional information may include, but is not limited to, the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) the rate, classification, or commodity description or weight claimed to have been applicable; (2) complete tariff authority for the rate, classification, or commodity description claimed; (3) freight bill payment information; and (4) other documents or data which is believed by claimant to substantiate the basis for its claim. <p>(c) Claims for duplicate payment and overcollection shall be accompanied by the original freight bill(s) for which charges were paid (except when the original freight bill is not a paper document but is electronically transmitted) and by freight bill payment information.</p> <p>(d) Regardless of the provisions of paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) above, the failure to provide sufficient information and documentation to allow Carrier to conduct an investigation and pay or decline the claim within the allowable time limitation shall not constitute grounds for disallowance of the claim. Rather, Carrier shall comply with Item 409 to obtain the additional information required.</p> <p>(e) Carrier shall accept copies instead of the original documents required to be submitted in this Item where Carrier is furnished with an agreement entered into by the claimant which indemnifies Carrier for subsequent duplicate claims which might be filed and supported by the original documents.</p>	408

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<p><u>Overcharge Claims, Investigation of</u></p> <p>(a) Upon receipt of a overcharge claim, whether written or otherwise, Carrier shall promptly initiate an investigation and establish a file, as set forth in Item 410.</p> <p>(b) If Carrier discovers an overcharge, duplicate payment, or overcollection which has not been the subject of a claim, it shall promptly initiate an investigation and comply with the provisions in Item 413.</p> <p>(c) In the event Carrier processing the claim requires information or documents in addition to that submitted with the claim, it shall promptly notify the claimant and request the information required. This includes notifying the claimant that a written or electronically transmitted claim must be filed before Carrier becomes subject to the time limits for setting such a claim under Item 412.</p>	409
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<p><u>Overcharge Claims, Acknowledgement of</u></p> <p>Upon receipt of a written or electronically transmitted claim, Carrier shall acknowledge its receipt in writing or electronically to the claimant within 30 days after the date of receipt except when Carrier shall have paid or declined the claim in writing or electronically within that period. Carrier shall include the date of receipt in its written or electronic acknowledgement, which shall be placed in the file for that claim.</p>	411

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<p><u>Unidentified Payments</u></p> <p>Carrier shall have an established procedure for identifying and properly applying all unidentified payments. If Carrier does not have sufficient information with which properly to apply such a payment, it shall notify the payor of the identified payment within 60 days of receipt of the payment and request information which will enable it to identify the payment. If Carrier does not receive the information requested within 90 days from the date of the notice, it may treat the unidentified payment in fact of freight charges owing to it. Following the 90-day period, the regular claims procedure under this tariff shall be applicable.</p> <p>Notice under this Item shall be in writing and clearly indicate that it is a final notice and not a bill. Notice shall include: check number, amount, and date; the payor's name; and any additional basic information Carrier is able to provide.</p> <p>The final notice also must inform payor that: (i) Applicable regulations allow Carrier to retain conditionally the payment as revenue in the absence of a timely response by the payor; and (ii) following the 90-day period the regular claims procedure shall be applicable.</p> <p>Upon Carrier's receipt of information from the payor, Carrier shall, within 14 days: (i) make a complete refund of such funds to the payor; or (ii) notify the payor that the information supplied is not sufficient to identify the unapplied payment and request additional information; or (iii) notify the payor of Carrier's determination that such payment was applicable to particular freight charges lawfully due. Where no refund is made by Carrier, Carrier shall advise the payor of its right to file a formal claim for refund in accordance with the regular claims procedures set forth in this tariff.</p> <p>When a carrier which participates in a transportation movement, but did not collect the transportation charges, finds that an overpayment has been made, that carrier shall immediately notify American Seafoods Company LLC. When American Seafoods discovers or is notified by such a participating carrier that an overcharge, duplicate payment, or overcollection exists for any transportation charge which has not been the subject of a claim, American Seafoods shall create a file as if a claim had been submitted and shall record in the file the date it discovered or was notified of the overpayment. The carrier that collected the charges shall then refund the amount of the overpayment to the person who paid the transportation charges or to the person that made duplicate payment within 30 days from the date of such discovery or notification.</p>	412

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<p><u>Overcharge Claims, Disposition of</u></p> <p>Carrier shall pay, decline to pay, or settle each written or electronically communicated claim within 60 days after its receipt, except where the claimant and said Carrier agree in writing or electronically to a specific extension based upon extenuating circumstances. If Carrier declines to pay a claim or makes settlement in an amount different from that sought, it shall notify the claimant in writing or electronically of the reason(s) for its action, citing tariff authority or other pertinent information developed as a result of its investigation</p>	413

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