



South Africa Demurrage and Detention Terms - April 2025

Demurrage Definition

This fee is applicable when the customer holds carrier equipment in the terminal / overstay facility for longer than the agreed amount of free time. It can be incurred for both exports (early drop-off) and imports (late pick-up).

Export Demurrage days are counted from gate-in (full) to container loading date minus the free days.

Import Demurrage days are counted from container discharge to gate-out delivery (full) minus the free days.

Demurrage is applicable to all containers that remain at a terminal or overstay depot location longer than the agreed free time.

Detention Definition

Detention charges occur when the consignee holds onto the carrier's container beyond the detention free time that is allotted as prescribed by the line.

Export Detention days are counted from pick-up empty to gate-in full minus the free days.

Import Detention days are counted from discharge full to gate-in empty minus the free days.

Detention fees are applicable to all containers that remain in the customer's possession longer than the agreed free time as prescribed below by the shipping line.

Import Demurrage (Storage)

Standard demurrage free-time is 3 days for Durban and 4 days for Cape Town and Port Elizabeth starting from container discharge (Discharge next day for Durban P1 & P2 only)

Reefer Peak: During the peak reefer season (Port Elizabeth and Durban 1st May – 31st October, Cape Town 15th November – 31st March) free days will be reduced to 2 free days *Applicable to reefer shipments only.

Demurrage Freetime Extensions: Any extensions to Terminal freetime that is published by TPT will be captured on a container level for terminals DCT, Pier 1 and CTCT and are applicable to containers dwelling inside the terminal only. For NCT and PECT the last free date will be set and extended on a vessel level.

Special refers to BBK / OOG equipment.

Maersk Import Demurrage	20' Dry	40' Dry	20' Reef	40' Reef	20' Special (OOG/ BBK Equ)	40' Special (OOG/ BBK Equ)
Import Demurrage - Off Peak	3 days	3 days	3 days	3 days	3 days	3 days
Import Demurrage - Durban, Port Elizabeth and Ngqura - Reef Season	3 days	3 days	2 days	2 days	3 days	3 days
Import Demurrage - Cape Town - Reef Season	3 days	3 days	2 days	2 days	3 days	3 days

Demurrage Rates Valid from 1 April 2025

Per day rate after FT Expiry		20' Dry	40' Dry	20' Reef	40' Reef	20' Special (OOG/ BBK Equ)	40' Special (OOG/ BBK Equ)
Cape Town, Port Elizabeth and Ngqura	Day 4 - 6 Day 3 - 6 Reef Peak	ZAR 255	ZAR 508	ZAR 3847	ZAR 5773	ZAR 2560	ZAR 2560
	Day 7 onwards	ZAR 255	ZAR 508	ZAR 3847	ZAR 5773	ZAR 5628	ZAR 5628
	Day 4 - 6 Day 3 - 6 Reef Peak	ZAR 255	ZAR 508	ZAR 3847	ZAR 5773	ZAR 2560	ZAR 2560
Cape Town Multipurpose	Day 7 onwards	ZAR1663	ZAR3317	ZAR 3847	ZAR 5773	ZAR 5628	ZAR 5628
	Day 4 - 6 Day 3 - 6 Reef Peak	ZAR 255	ZAR 508	ZAR 3847	ZAR 5773	ZAR 7606	ZAR 7606
Johannesburg	Day 7 onwards	ZAR 255	ZAR 508	ZAR 3847	ZAR 5773	ZAR 12355	ZAR 12355
	Day 4 - 6 Day 3 - 6 Reef Peak	ZAR 2533	ZAR 5067	ZAR 3847	ZAR 5773	ZAR 7606	ZAR 7606
Durban - Maydon Wharf / Point	Day 7 onwards	ZAR 4123	ZAR 8237	ZAR 3847	ZAR 5773	ZAR 12355	ZAR 12355
	Day 4 Day 3 - 4 Reef Peak	ZAR 2533	ZAR 5067	ZAR 3847	ZAR 5773	ZAR 7606	ZAR 7606
Durban - Pier 1 & Pier 2	Day 5	ZAR 4123	ZAR 8237	ZAR 3847	ZAR 5773	ZAR 12355	ZAR 12355
	Day 6	ZAR 4123	ZAR 8237	ZAR 7703	ZAR 11554	ZAR 12355	ZAR 12355

Import IMO Demurrage Days

IMDG Code	IMDG 1; 2.1; 2.3; 4.1; 4.2' 5.1; 6.2; 7	IMDG 3, 4,5, 6 & 8	IMDG 9
IMDG Free Days	0 days	2 days	3 days

Import IMO Demurrage Rates

Equipment Type	20ft IMO	40ft IMO	45ft IMO
After Freetime per day rate	ZAR 4123	ZAR 8237	ZAR 12355

Import Detention

Note: Durban Pier 1 and Pier 2 detention start trigger is discharge next day. For Pier 1 if Block Release and DET Start Trigger is different then block release will be used as start trigger for DET calculation. For all other terminals in South Africa detention start trigger is discharge same day. IMO Class 9 will follow DRY detention terms (both days and rates)

Maersk Import Detention	DRY	REEF	SPECIAL	IMO	NOR	Start Trigger
CT/ PLZ / NCT / DBN / JNB to Coastal / Inland Depot	5 days	4 days	5 days	5 days	14 days	
CT/ PLZ / NCT / DBN / JNB to Lesotho, Botswana & Swaziland	14 days	10 days	10 days	10 days	14 days	Discharge
CT/ PLZ / NCT / DBN / JNB to Zambia, Zimbabwe & Malawi	18 days	18 days	18 days	18 days	18 days	
CT / PLZ / NCT / DBN / JNB Rail to Lesotho, Botswana & Swaziland	7 days	7 days	7 days	7 days	7 days	Off Rail

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Day 1 to 5	USD 83	USD 154	USD 138	USD 264	USD 132	USD 264	USD 138 / 264
Day 6 to 10	USD 105	USD 198	USD 220	USD 440	USD 220	USD 440	USD 220 / 440
Day 11 onwards	USD 138	USD 275	USD 275	USD 550	USD 275	USD 550	USD 275 / 550

Overstay

Overstay Definition: When uncleared / cleared containers are moved by the line from the terminal to a depot facility that is treated as an extended port facility. Removing boxes from the terminal within the demurrage free time is a terminal requirement that if not executed can result in vessel operations being negatively impacted and lead to terminal congestion.

Overstay Depot Rates - These will follow the first rate slab for the terminal where the container has been discharged. The rate will be a flat rate, per day multiplied by the the amount of days that container has dwelled in the the Overstay Facility.

Export Detention

Direction	Days
Inland location to (Cape Town, Durban, Port Elizabeth & East London)	10 Days
Coastal location to (Cape Town, Durban, Port Elizabeth & East London)	5 Days
South African Coast to Mozambique & Hinterland	21 Days
South African Coast to Mozambique & Hinterland (TBL Truck)	30 Days

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