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# GT USA Wilmington

## Press Release

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### THE PORT OF WILMINGTON CELEBRATES MAIDEN CALL OF FIRST VESSEL ON NEW MSC SERVICE

Wilmington, DE, February 20, 2019– GT USA Wilmington marked another historic day for the Port of Wilmington this week with the start of a new MSC service and the maiden call of the first vessel on that service, the m/v *San Antonio*.

GT USA Wilmington Chief Executive Officer Eric Casey welcomed Captain Wojciech Piotr Pilip, the Master of the container vessel, M/V "SAN ANTONIO," along with Michelle Tan from MSC's New York office and Elliot Timlin representing the ships agency, Norton Lilly International.

"We are delighted to welcome the MSC M/V "SAN ANTONIO to our port and are confident that this marks the start of a partnership that will strengthen as GT USA Wilmington continues its redevelopment program at the Port of Wilmington, Delaware," Casey said. "Receiving this vessel highlights our ability to deliver the highest standards of operational efficiency."

The ceremony was in commemoration of the start of MSC's new weekly Chilean fruit service to the Port of Wilmington, Delaware via MSC's Freeport, Bahamas transshipment hub. The occasion also marked the maiden call of the *San Antonio* to Wilmington, where palletized fruit cargo was stripped from refrigerated containers and the containers were loaded back onboard the vessel before its return sailing to the Bahamas.

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#### **About the Port of Wilmington, Delaware**

Founded in 1923, the Port of Wilmington is a full service Mid-Atlantic seaport on the Delaware River strategically located to provide overnight access to 200 million North American consumers. Wilmington ranks as North America's top banana port and the nation's leading gateway for imports of fresh fruit and juice concentrates. The Port was one of the originally certified '360 Quality' marine terminals in the United States, underscoring its high-quality handling standards for perishable cargo. An economic engine for the State of Delaware and the region, business activity at the Port creates over 5,900 family sustaining jobs and annually generates \$436 million in business revenue, \$409 million in personal income and \$41 million in local taxes. The Port is operated by GT USA Wilmington, LLC. For further information, visit [www.gulftainer.com/US](http://www.gulftainer.com/US)

#### **About GT USA**

GT USA is the U.S. division of Gulftainer, the world's largest privately-owned independent port operator and logistics company with operations and business interests in the Middle East, the Mediterranean, Brazil and the United States. GT's presence in North America expanded in 2018 with the signing of a 50-year concession agreement with the state of Delaware to manage and operate the Port of Wilmington, a deep-water port and marine terminal serving the Eastern Seaboard. The company's first venture into the USA came in 2014 with the signing of a 35-year agreement to operate Canaveral Cargo Terminal, a multi-purpose cargo and container terminal in Florida. For more information, visit [www.gulftainer.com/US](http://www.gulftainer.com/US)

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*Discharging 40' refrigerated containers of Chilean fruit from m/v San Antonio 2/18/19 Port of Wilmington, Delaware*

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*Plaque presentation 2/18/19 on the navigation bridge of the m/v San Antonio  
L to R: Eric Casey (CEO, GT USA Wilmington) & Capt. Wojciech Piotr Pilip (Master, San Antonio)*

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