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## Port of Wilmington, Delaware Receives Record Shipment of Fresh Moroccan Citrus

WILMINGTON, Del. – The Port of Wilmington, Delaware has set a record for the largest single shipment of fresh Moroccan citrus received by the port, with more than 1.75 million boxes of cargo.

This record volume was transported from Agadir, Morocco, to Wilmington onboard the specialized refrigerated vessel *M.V. Ditlev Reefer*, arriving at the port Nov. 28, 2018. Her cargo of easy peeler clementines shattered the previous best mark by 37 percent.

Moroccan citrus has been flowing through the nation's foremost marine terminal for perishables for 19 consecutive years in service to customer Fresh Fruit Maroc, fulfilling its role as a major port of entry and distribution center for the seasonal fruit imports. This includes the popular clementine and, as the November through March season progresses, the Nour and Nadorcott varieties.

"We are honored that our customer entrusts us with the handling of such a large consignment of fresh clementines. This speaks volumes to the long standing and productive relationship that we enjoy with Fresh Fruit Maroc," said Eric Casey, the Port's Chief Executive Officer.

Cargo is stored in the Port's 800,000 square foot on-dock refrigerated warehouse complex, one of North America's largest facilities, before distribution to markets throughout the United States and Canada. The Port of Wilmington handled more than 10.7 million boxes of Moroccan citrus in the 2018-19 season.

*PHOTOS: M.V. Ditlev Reefer discharge operations of record cargo shipment of fresh Moroccan citrus at the Port of Wilmington, Delaware.*

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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](http://www.gulftainer.com)

## 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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