



GT USA of Wilmington welcomes first Moroccan citrus vessel for the 2022-2023 season

WILMINGTON, Del. – December 7, 2022 – The Port of Wilmington has received its first shipment of fresh Moroccan citrus for the 2022-2023 winter fruit season.

The M/V Crown Garnet, a specialized refrigerated vessel, was welcomed last week to the U.S.' foremost marine terminal for perishable cargo and immediately began discharging her cargo of over 5000 pallets of fresh clementines.

During this winter fruit season, which will run through May 2023, the Port anticipates receiving approximately 12 shiploads of fruit from the Moroccan Atlantic port of Agadir.

Joe Cruise, Chief Executive Officer of GT USA Wilmington, was on hand to welcome the vessel and present its captain with a plaque to mark the season's first call. "We are privileged to be able to continue as the port of choice to serve our Moroccan partners for the timely distribution of fresh and delicious fruit to U.S. and Canadian consumers. We are looking forward to assisting our partners with another successful season." said Cruise.

GT USA Wilmington greatly values, and actively works to strengthen, the partnerships it has with Morocco and recently welcomed two guests from the Tangier Chamber of Commerce International Relations Committee, Najib Walali, board member, and Anouar Arbai, Committee President for their first visit to the Port of Wilmington. Following an informative discussion about cargos, trade links, and cold treatment, the guests were taken on a tour of the Port's 308 acres.

Wilmington, Delaware is a major port of entry and distribution center for the seasonal importation of fresh Moroccan citrus, along with other fruits and juices from around the globe. Cargo is stored in the Port's 850,000 square foot on-dock refrigerated warehouse complex, one of North America's largest facilities, before distribution to markets throughout North America.



The Port is Safe Quality Food (SQF) certified, and it has worked hard to put itself in a good position to service the Moroccan clementine trade and take advantage of new business from all over the world.

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About GT USA Wilmington

GT USA Wilmington is a U.S. division of Gulftainer, a privately owned, independent terminal operator and logistics company with operations and business interests in the Middle East and the United States. The company signed a 50-year agreement to manage operations at the Port of Wilmington. This agreement marks Gulftainer's second venture in the United States and follows the signing of a 35-year agreement with the Canaveral Port Authority in Florida. For more information, go to www.gulftainer.com/US.

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 original certified '360 Quality' marine terminals in the United States and is Safe Quality Food (SQF) certified, 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 or www.portofwilmington.com

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