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Container dwell time continues in the right direction. The average dwell time for containers at San Pedro Bay ports in the month of April was 2.51 days down from 2.68 days reported in March 2019. The real noticeable difference was in the amount of containers remained at a terminal for five days or longer. Only 2.9% of containers exceeded a five day stay in April compared to 8.7% the month before.

Last month we analyzed the average container dwell time from May 2016 – September 2018, which was the time PMSA began tracking dwell time data to the time before the tariff volume surge occurred. The average container dwell time during that period was 2.14 days and the average number of containers that exceeded five days was 5.5%. “The comparison of the data we gathered in April highlights the industry’s efforts moving the majority of containers out of the terminals before five days – however it also means we have more work to do on the average container dwell time,” said Jessica Alvarenga, Manager of Government Affairs at the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association.

Container dwell time at San Pedro Bay Ports in April showed real improvement. The entire supply chain benefits from an efficient port operation when containers are picked up in a timely manner. “April dwell time numbers show progress and we hope to see this trend continue,” explained Alvarenga.



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About the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association (PMSA)

The Pacific Merchant Shipping Association (PMSA) is an independent, not-for-profit association focused on global trade. PMSA operates offices in Oakland, Long Beach and Seattle, and represents owners and operators of marine terminals and U.S. and foreign vessels operating throughout the world.