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HONG KONG HANDLES RECORD NUMBER OF CHILEAN CHERRY CONTAINERS FROM A SINGLE VESSEL CALL

(Hong Kong) Last week (31 December), MANZANILLO EXPRESS, a Hapag-Lloyd vessel and plying the carrier's seasonal CHERRY EXPRESS service, running from November to February, arrived in Hong Kong from Valparaiso with a record number of Chilean cherry containers onboard.

1,222 active reefer containers were discharged in Hong Kong, the highest number of Chilean cherry containers ever discharged in Hong Kong from a single vessel call.

"We call Hong Kong with our CHERRY EXPRESS service because we know we can trust the reliable and efficient service at the terminals in Hong Kong. Our customers appreciate the HOT BOX arrangement in Hong Kong, which allows our customers to pick up the container immediately after it has been offloaded from the vessel. This service enables the cherry containers to be transported across the boundary and into consumer markets all over South China in only a few hours after landing in Hong Kong", said Axel von Bloh, General Manager of Hapag-Lloyd's Hong Kong office.

The high-quality cherry from Chile is a popular gift in Mainland China in the lead up to Chinese New Year. Getting it into the hands of the consumers in its original fresh and tasty condition is a priority for the Exporters in Chile and the Import companies in South China. The unique HOT BOX service makes Hong Kong the main gateway for thousands of containers every year.

"Hong Kong is a Free Port, enabling the fast dispatch of containers from the terminals. This makes Hong Kong the preferred gateway for many perishable high-value products. It looks like it will be another amazing season for the Chilean cherries in China. We congratulate the Exporters in Chile and the Importers in China with the positive results and thank all of them for their confidence in Hong Kong as the freshest gateway to China and the rest of Asia", said Horace Lo, Group Managing Director of Modern Terminals Ltd.

If containers need connection to other parts of Asia, Hong Kong is the ideal transshipment hub with 8,000 reefer plugs available across the Hong Kong Seaport Alliance, the highest number of reefer plugs at any port in South China.

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Caption: With the HOT BOX arrangement, containers discharged from MANZANILLO EXPRESS could exit the gates of Modern Terminals, a member of the Hong Kong Seaport Alliance, only 20 minutes after being offloaded from the vessel.

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About Modern Terminals:

Modern Terminals Limited opened Hong Kong's first purpose-built container terminal facility in 1972. Today, the Company owns and operates container terminals at Kwai Tsing Container Port, Hong Kong. In the Pearl River Delta it operates and holds a majority of shares in DaChan Bay Terminals and also holds equity stakes in both Shekou Container Terminals and Chiwan Container Terminal. Modern Terminals is a customer-focused service provider. The Company's expertise in the industry, deployment of advanced equipment and the commitment of its people enable it to deliver a unique customer experience at the terminals it operates. The Company's mission is to be the preferred partner for world-class terminal and supply-chain services, building global connectivity for the sustainable development of local economies and the improvement of people's well-being.

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