

1 will leave the containers there till they need them again,
2 or then they will either go out by truck or back onto the
3 vessel and take -- a lot of our -- a lot of the activity and
4 stuff going, you know, westbound is empty containers.

5 And so for instance, if a vessel has come down from
6 Vancouver with a bunch of empties on a hatch, those empties
7 can come off, go onto our pier, they can sit on the pier
8 until that -- a different vessel or a vessel of the same
9 company wants to take those -- picks those same empties up
10 and take them back to Asia. So those are -- they are just
11 relocating their equipment, really.

12 Q. Okay. Thanks.

13 Now, speaking specifically to loading up container cargo,
14 vessels do that at Terminals 18 and 30, correct?

15 A. Yeah.

16 Q. And when vessels load up with container cargo, do they then
17 use the containers and the cargo inside the containers in
18 transit?

19 A. Not unless they are pirates.

20 Q. All right. Has the container business evolved to use
21 standard containers over the years?

22 A. Yeah, for the most part. There is four different container
23 sizes, but they are all multiples of each other. And that's
24 how they -- the ships are designed to carry that size and
25 the industry is designed to carry that size.

1 Q. And what's the purpose of that? Is it so they can be
2 stacked efficiently or --

3 A. Yes, that's completely the purpose, is so they can be
4 stacked efficiently and they -- so the same box fits the
5 road, fits the trailer, fits the ship, fits the rail.
6 Everything is a uniform size.

7 Q. And what are those -- you said there were four sizes?

8 A. Yeah, there is a 20-foot, 40-foot, and then 53-foot are the
9 biggest, and then there is some companies use 45- or
10 48-footers.

11 Q. And you would handle all four of those sizes --

12 A. Yeah.

13 Q. -- correct?

14 A. We handle anything that anyone brings us.

15 Q. All right. Are ships calling at Terminals 18 and 30
16 generally on a schedule?

17 A. If they are a liner ship -- there is two different kinds of
18 ships, the liner ships and then you've heard reference to
19 the tramp ships or the charter vessels. So the liner ships
20 are generally on a schedule, you know, every Thursday night
21 or whatever that schedule will be. Other ships that are in
22 this tramp service that aren't on a regular liner call, they
23 don't have a regular weekly schedule in places, they are
24 more opportunistic vessels that are getting cargo and
25 bringing it from one place to another, those are on a