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Port Reunion: Physical Inspection – Process and Invoicing

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We would like to provide you with clarity regarding the physical inspection process and invoicing in Port Reunion.

Please note that all containers touching Reunion ground are subject to French Laws.

Process:

- Containers are randomly targeted by customs a few weeks before arrival.
- Once container is discharged in Port Reunion, customs authorities make the decision of a physical inspection.
- Maersk Reunion organizes this inspection based on customs and terminal availability so they could open the door and inspect cargo.
- Depending on who operates on the vessel, concerned stevedore moves container from yard to dedicated customs area for inspection. Maersk is always represented by stevedore SGM for stripping operations and acts on our behalf.
- After inspection, we receive the “Reconnaissance de service” which is the detailed report of the inspection that we are allowed to share and containing all relevant information (date, time, new seal, etc.)
- If inspection is negative, container is released by customs and allowed to load. We will then raise the related costs to your booking. This will appear as an Inspection fee import surcharge on your invoice.

Invoicing:

- Container move from yard to inspection area.

Container	Vessel	Rate
20 DRY	SGM	215 EUR
40 DRY	SGM	340 EUR
20 DRY	SAMR	215 EUR
40 DRY	SAMR	215 EUR

SGM operates on Maersk Vessels
SAMR operates on CMA CGM Vessels

- Stripping (doors opening and inspection by official customs agent)
325 EUR per hour
(Number of hours spent on the inspection will be known afterwards, depending on what customs authorities are looking for, what they found during the inspection)
- Administrative cost
30 EUR

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