



Job Description

General Manager Operations

Fareham, Hampshire, U.K.

Role

Responsible for vessel and cargo operations of the Geest Line chartered vessels throughout the trade, ensuring that schedule integrity is maintained.

Maintain efficient vessel operations, legally, financially and operationally to ensure first class reliable service to the Geest Line customers. Monitor and co-ordinate port operations in Europe and the Caribbean.

Monitor and maintain the company container fleet, both owned and leased.

Co-ordinate and monitor cargo planning on company vessels. Co-ordinate banana discharge ensuring that the client's requirements, both in Europe and UK, are met.

Reporting Line

The position reports directly to the Managing Director.

Key Responsibilities

- Port operations in European and Caribbean ports.
- Vessel Operations.
- General Freight Operations in UK and West Indies
- Ensure all Maritime legislation is enforced and adhered to on company chartered vessels.
- Provide support to Managing Director with vessel chartering activities
- Operational Performance of all Caribbean Port Agencies throughout the region
- Day to day responsibility the Operations Department and management of operational staff.
- Follow all company policies , procedures and standing instructions.
- Container Fleet leasing, purchase, repairs and monitoring.

Key Contacts

External: Ship Owners and Ship Managers
H M Customs officials
Caribbean Port Agencies
Port Health officials
Distribution companies
UK Port management
Ship's Captains
Quality control assessors
Ship surveyors
Suppliers

Internal: Form part of Geest Line Executive management team

Duties

- Oversee ship cargo planning.
- Oversee and liaise with ship owners on vessel operations
- Plan scheduling for vessels in accordance with company requirements.
- Provide an efficient and effective management of operational activities of ports in Europe, Puerto Rico and Dominican Republic.
- Oversee smooth operations of European fruit distributions.
- Adhere to and enforce all maritime legislation requirements within the trade.
- Manage fuel purchase and useage.
- Provide support for chartering of vessels to Managing Director.
- Manage staff within the Operations Department.
- Monitor performance of all Caribbean port agencies and report to management team.
- Ensure all data / reports produced within the Operations department are complete, valid and accurate.
- To ensure that all Health & safety requirements of Geest Line operations are followed.
- To assist with any other functions as may be required.
- To ensure that own and colleagues health and safety is protected within the working environment.

Skills & experience

Extensive marine Operations experience, ideally with containerised and / or general cargo vessels.

Strong management skills.

Working knowledge of Marine legislation

Understanding of financial and commercial implications relating to operational decisions.

IT Skills – MS Office

Competitive Salary + Benefits

Please apply by forwarding C.V. to :-

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