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Port Operations Update #2 Regarding Christiana Avenue Fire

(Wilmington, Del.) – As a result of the smoke emanating from the mulch fire at 610 Christiana Avenue, normal port operations at the Port of Wilmington, Delaware have been modified to minimize the effect on its employees and cargo. At about 14:00 hours today and until conditions improve, cargo operations were suspended on the Dole and Chiquita vessels moored at the Port, and truck-loading operations were suspended at all refrigerated warehouses under Port control.

The Diamond State Port Corporation will provide an update when conditions change.

About the Port of Wilmington, Delaware

Founded in 1923, the Port of Wilmington is a full service mid-Atlantic seaport on the Delaware River strategically located and serving over 200 million North American consumers by overnight truck and rail delivery. Wilmington ranks as the nation's leading gateway for imported perishable cargo and operates the largest on-dock cold storage complex in North America. An economic engine for the State of Delaware and the region, it is responsible for 4,300 good paying local jobs, \$337 million in annual business revenue, and more than \$31 million in annual State and local taxes. The Port is owned and operated by the Diamond State Port Corporation, a corporation of the State of Delaware.

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