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Shipping from China ? The export empty container pickup timeline is changing

For your reference, please find below the list of locations that are included in the new measure. This list displays the number of days for empty container pickup before the **FCL cut-off time** of vessel at the original port, divided into container types.

- Export MT pickup days before **FCL cut-off** time at Origin Port

Port	20GP	40GP	40HC	45HC (L5GP)	40RH
Shanghai	5	7	7	7	5
Ningbo	5	5	5	7	5
Qingdao	7	7	7	7	5
Tianjin	7	7	7	7	5
Dalian	7	7	7	7	5
Xiamen	7	7	7	7	5
Nansha	7	7	7	7	5
Shekou	7	7	7	7	5
Hong Kong	7	7	7	7	5
Yantian	7	7	7	7	5

General Rule:

- Gate out empty (GOMT) are 7 days before the FCL cut-off time, including the day of the cut-off (as per FCL delivery cut-off time in latest booking confirmation). **Eg:** If the FCL cut-off is on Sep 30, 2026, empty release starts on Sep 24, 2026 for 40HC pick up in Shekou Port
- Export Detention (MHO) free time will follow applicable local tariff rules.
- Other out-ports offer a 7-day GOMT window, subject to equipment availability.

If you should require additional information, please contact our customer service team at China@service.hlag.com who will guide you based on your individual situation.

Additional Update

2026-10-27 update

40GP and 20GP would shorten GOMT window per below effect from **1st Nov. 2026** until further notice.

Shanghai: 20 & 40 GP, HC from 7 days to 6 days.
Ningbo: 20 & 40 GP, HC from 7 days to 5 days.

2026-11-2 update

Would like to shorten RF/NOR GOMT window to 5 days to all China ports effect from **5th, Nov. 2026** until further notice.

2026-11-3 update

Shanghai 20GP would shorten GOMT window per below effect from **6st Nov. 2026** until further notice.

Shanghai: 20 GP, 6 days to 5 days.

2026-11-18 update

Would announce Shanghai 40 & HC GOMT window back to 7 days with immediate effect.
While Shanghai 20GP & Ningbo 20 & 40 remains 5 days no changes.

Shanghai: 40 GP, HC from 6 days to 7 days.