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

The Golden Week in Mainland China and Hong Kong is approaching. Keeping your cargo planning in mind, please note that we have adjusted the empty pickup policy.

The empty pickup policy covers vessels with FCL cut-off fall in September 28, 2026 – October 11, 2026 (Pick up date effective from September 18, 2026 – September 30, 2026)*

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	40RH
Shanghai	14	14	14	10
Ningbo	14	14	14	7
Qingdao	14	14	14	10
Tianjin	14	14	14	10
Dalian	14	14	14	7
Xiamen	14	14	14	7
Nansha	14	14	14	7
Shekou	14	14	14	7
Hong Kong	14	14	14	7
Yantian	14	14	14	7

- *Gate out empty (GOMT) are 7, 10, or 14 days before the FCL cut-off time, including the day of the cut-off as per individual delivery cut-off time in latest booking confirmation.

Eg: If the FCL cut-off is on October 11, 2026, empty release starts on September 28, 2026 for 40HC pick-up in Ningbo Port.

- Export Detention (MHO) free time will be extended in line with early pick up period.
- 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.