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## **New SeaLand All-Water Service Calls Port Houston**

**HOUSTON** – Port Houston is the first U.S. port of call in a new service between the United States and Latin America called the Gulf Ocean Express, which is operated by SeaLand, the Intra-Americas ocean carrier of the Maersk Group.

The direct all-water service connects Houston, New Orleans, Central America, Panama, and Colombia. The first sailing under this new service was April 5, 2018, departing from Cartagena, Colombia, on the vessel Tiger. The vessel arrived in Houston Wednesday, April 18.

The new service was highlighted by SeaLand Chief Executive Officer Craig Mygatt during a keynote address he gave during the JOC Gulf Shipping Conference held in Houston last week. Port Houston hosted the conference.

The Gulf Ocean Express serves U.S. export cargo out of the Gulf that includes resins, chemicals, paper, mining, metals and frozen meat. Imports into the U.S. include agricultural products like fresh fruit, forestry, automotive/transportation, chemicals and apparel.

The service also will focus on special breakbulk and out-of-gauge products out of Houston, which handles more of that type cargo than any other port in the country. It will handle similar cargo at New Orleans.

The new service's northbound rotation is Cartagena, Colombia; Manzanillo, Panama; Puerto Cortes, Honduras; Santo Tomas, Guatemala; Houston; and New Orleans. The southbound rotation is Houston, New Orleans, Puerto Cortes, Santo Tomas, Cartagena, and Manzanillo.

The Gulf Ocean Express Service bridges every country in Latin America through either direct or connecting services.

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