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Zim adds Progreso to Mexico-Tampa Express Service



The *m/v Rita Sibum*, container ship in Zim Integrated Shipping Services, Inc.'s Mexico-Tampa Service (MTX), sails at the Port of Tampa.

TAMPA, Fla. – The Tampa Port Authority (TPA) is pleased to welcome the addition of a call at the Port of Progreso to Zim Line's Mexico-Tampa Express (MTX) Service.

Zim Integrated Shipping Services, Inc. launched the MTX service from Tampa in January 2011. The first call at the port of Progreso will be on September 27, complementing the existing calls at Tampa, the Mexican ports of Veracruz and Altamira, as well as Kingston, Jamaica, Zim's transshipment hub for the Americas. "The addition of a call at Progreso provides a new competitive option for trade between Florida and Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula", noted Tampa Port Director Richard Wainio.

Zim began regular service from the Port of Tampa in 2003 offering connections to its global network, including markets in Asia, the Caribbean and the Mediterranean. In addition to

the MTX, Zim also makes direct weekly calls at the Port of Tampa on its South American Express (SAX) service providing direct connections to Brazil and Venezuela, as well as its Kingston hub.

Tampa Port Authority (www.tampaport.com) administers Florida's largest and one of the nation's most diversified ports, handling a wide mix of bulk, break bulk, RoRo and containerized cargoes, and is also one of the nation's premier cruise home ports, as well as a major center for shipbuilding and repair. The Port of Tampa is the largest economic engine in west and central Florida, generating nearly 100,000 jobs and some \$8 billion in economic impact.

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