

Port Georgetown is situated on the north coast of Guyana along the East Bank of the Demerara River. It stretches for 16 km inward from the river mouth along the Demerara ship channel, with an average depth of 4.5 metres at low tide. Since 1 July 1999 the port has been run by a Maritime Administration Department operating under the aegis of the Maritime Act.

Previously, port operations were administered by the Transport & Harbours Department as an agency of the Ministry of Works & Transport. Port Georgetown has a number of independent pier operators, either privately owned or public corporations. Principal among these are John Fernandes Ltd, Muneshwers Ltd, Guyana National Shipping Corporation Ltd, Guyana National Industrial Company Inc, Demerara Shipping Company Ltd, Demerara Sugar Terminals Ltd, and Deo's International Distribution Company Ltd (DIDCO). The Guyana Sugar Corporation operates a bulk loading facility for sugar and the Caribbean Molasses Company Ltd has a similar facility for molasses. These operators and other stakeholders have come together to form the Shipping Association of Guyana to present a unified front in pursuit of common interests.

PORT

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Working Hours: Monday to Thursday 08:00 hrs to 16:30 hrs, Friday 08:00 hrs to 15:30 hrs.
Lunch 12:00 hrs to 13:00 hrs. Closed on all Public Holidays. Overtime by special arrangement.

Terminals: Monday to Friday 07:00 hrs to 16:00 hrs (this varies from one to the other). Closed on all Public Holidays. Overtime by special arrangement.

Imports – Containerized (foodstuff, clothing and textiles, general merchandise and hardware, motor vehicles), Break Bulk, Petroleum, Heavy duty machinery.

Exports – Sugar, Rice, Bauxite, Rum, marine products, gold, lumber and metal scrap.

Towage – This is provided by several companies and could be facilitated by various Pier Operators.

Traffic - Vessel calls per year – Container 466; Tankers 265; Break Bulk 112; Bulk 40; Cruise 3.

Storage – Open 62,087 Covered 41,067

Equipment – Stackers 11; Crawler Cranes 10; Forklift Trucks 56; Side Loader 1.

Maximum Draught in the channel – 5.5m; Alongside Terminal – 7m.

Approach: Via Demerara River. Main approach is 10 km long, 70 metres wide and 5.0 metres deep. Landmarks: Chateau Margot chimney and Georgetown lighthouse beacon.

Transport: All berths linked by road. Inland and onward transport is by truck or by river and coastal vessels. Cheddi Jagan International (Timehri) Airport is 47 km from the seaport.

Anchorage: Five anchorage points with water depths of 5.8 metres, 6.4 metres, 6.7 metres, 6.1 metres and 5.5 metres.

Pilotage: Pilot boards at Demerara Light House (outer Georgetown) Pilot Station.

Facilities: Maximum draught alongside: 7.0 metres, Longest vessel: 290 metres LOA. Facility Length John Fernandes Ltd 190m, Guyana National Shipping Corp 290m, Guyana National

Industrial Co 200m, Demerara Shipping Co Ltd 140m, Muneshwers Ltd 166m, Didco Limited 150m,

Container statistics for the last 5 years are as follows: 2010 – 59,850 TEUs, 2009 – 52,000 TEUs, 2008 – 55,530 TEUs, 2007 – 56,860 TEUs, 2006 – 47,475 TEUs.

All associated port costs and fees – Could be sourced from the various agencies.

Any regulation regarding legal utilization of ports and export activities – The Guyana Shipping Act of 1998.

SHIPPING LINES

Shipping lines already in operation in Guyana – Seaboard, Seafreight, Zim, Evergreen, Trans Caribbean Line, WM Shipping, Bernuth, Mediterranean Shipping Co., Europe Caribbean Lines, CMA/CGM lines, Tropical Shipping Line, Inter Marine, CSAV line.

Destinations currently attended – USA, Caribbean, Europe, Asia, South America.

Type of vessels calling Georgetown – Feeder size container cargo vessels, Car carriers, Bulk carriers, Tankers and Cruise vessels.

Regularity of services – Weekly and Fortnightly.

Average freight rates to each destination – Information could be sourced from individual operators.