

NSC, Committee Partner to Build 4,000 Capacity Holding Bay

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The Nigerian Shippers Council (NSC) in partnership with the Federal Roads Committee on Surveillance and Action Against Road Abuse (FERCSARA) have given port operators assurance that the traffic challenges in Lagos ports will soon be a thing of the past, as the agency is constructing 4,000 capacity loading bay for trucks.

FERCSARA had embarked on a 2-day awareness tour of major access roads at the port, educating truck drivers and other stakeholders on the need for voluntary compliance in obeying traffic rules and regulations.

The Chairman, Zone 2 Special Task Force of FERCSARA, Mr. Austen Kelly said that the NSC has acquired a 4,000

capacity holding bay with 42,000 square meters of parking space which would be divided among all shipping terminals to hold trucks carrying empty containers.

The facility, he explained, is located around Coker-Orile and another along Oshodi-Apapa Expressway.

Kelly pointed out that the facility is fully computerised and that the NSC is only trying to perfect a Memorandum of Understanding MoU with the owners before handing over to truckers for their usage.

"One of the facilities is at Coker Bus Stop while the other is along Oshodi-Apapa Expressway. While the one at Oshodi-Apapa is 20,000 square meters, the one at Coker is 22,000 square meters and they are fully computerised with capacity to hold 4,000 empty

containers", he said.

He noted that the 42,000 square meters of terminals will be divided among all the shipping terminals so that they can go there and park their empty containers.

Kelly, however, stated that there is equally a call up system being put in place that will be used to call the trucks to the port.

"The facility is being owned by private companies, the MoU has not been signed yet, once the MoU is put in place through the NSC it becomes a modality", he said.

He explained that the body, which is domiciled under the Federal Roads Management Authority (FERMA) enjoys supports from AMARTO, NARTO, RTEAN, LASTMA, Nigerian Police and the Nigerian Army.

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