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GENERAL REQUIREMENTS INSPECTION, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE; INTERMODAL  
CONTAINER CHASSIS AND TRAILERS

I feel it is very unfair to hold the trucker responsible for equipment put into use by the trucker obtained via intermodal interline methods. The trucker does not own nor have access to the intermodal equipment. The trucker gets the equipment minutes before the equipment is put into use on the public highways. This same equipment could sit for long periods at the owner/terminal operator property; where the appropriate parties have ample time to perform preventative maintenance.

The trucker is forced to pick up the equipment at inefficient terminals where the trucker is generally not compensated for many types of lengthy delays. Time is at a premium. The trucker must get the equipment off of the terminal avoiding delays in order to deliver on time. If the trucker encounters delays, they are rarely compensated and then the trucker cannot deliver, effectively working for free. The terminal/steamship lines owns the equipment and has time to maintain it. Having the trucker inspect the equipment, and then making us responsible to go through the inefficient terminal repair process, forces us to do other peoples' responsibilities and not be compensated for same. Repairs made at the terminal requires the trucker to be hooked to and "baby-sit" the equipment while not being paid for same. This process is very often inefficient and time consuming.

To hold us responsible is not fair. If the terminals/steamship lines knew they were responsible; they would be forced to maintain the equipment properly.

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