

PUERTO SANTO TOMÁS DE CASTILLA

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Status Port Open **UN locode** GTSTC
Latitude 15° 42.0' N **Longitude** 088° 37.0' W
Max draft 9.5 **Time Zone** GMT -6
Worldscale No

PORT DESCRIPTION

Location: Santo Tomas de Castilla is situated in Santo Tomas Bay in the Bay Of Amatique in the Caribbean, close to Puerto Barrios. And is located 300 Kms from the capital, Guatemala City.
General Overview: It's mainly a dry bulk (grains and fertilizers) cargo terminal. Other cargoes handled include bagged coffee, containerized and Ro-Ro cargo, Palletized bananas, Pipelines for tallow, oil products and general cargo.
Max Size: LOA 229 m, Draft 9.5 m.

PRE ARRIVAL INFORMATION

ETA's: Initial ETA to be sent with vessel's appointment, usually 10/15 days prior to arrival, to the vessel's agent. Further ETA's to be sent 72, 48, 24 and 12 hours prior to arrival. In addition to arrival date and time the message should include the vessel's arrival draft.

Documentation Required: the following are required

Document:

1. Crew List
2. Provisions List
3. Voyage Memo (Last 5 Port of call with arrival/departure date)
4. Certificate of Registry (photocopies)
5. International Tonnage Certificate (photocopies)
6. Crew Personal Effects List
7. Clearance from Last Port
8. Negative passenger List
9. Passenger List
10. International Ship Security Certificate

The following documents to be submitted 72 hours prior to Berthing:

1. List of Cargo
2. Bill of Lading
3. Check Notebook
4. Stevedore Plans

The above are required by the Port Authorities and may be completed on the ship's own forms.

Communications: VHF-FM Marine Band Traffic Control Tower Channel 16 (Stand-By)

WEBSITE: <http://www.santotomasport.com.gt>

Health Regulations: The Quarantine officer boards either at the anchorage area or alongside the wharf as required, throughout the day.

Customs and immigration:

Customs: there are no customs restrictions for personal items for crew and officers. Such items should be duly declared in the Crew Personal Effects List. Non compliance may result in a fine up to US\$5,000.

Immigration: Crew and Passenger Lists required, Shore passes issued by Agency/Customs and are immigration approved.

Flags: Flags should be displayed as per Interco. Fines up to US\$5,000 may be payable for non compliance.

Notice of readiness: Usually tendered on dropping anchor in an anchorage zone.

General Notices & Regulations: The Drug Enforcement Agency may, at their sole discretion, request permission from the ship's Master/Agent to carry out a sniffer dog inspection of the ship.

NAVIGATION

Sea buoys, Fairways and Channels: The entrance channel is dredged to 9.75 m and marked by lighted buoys.

Leading Lights: From a position in the vicinity of the safe water lightbuoy 15°48'N 088°36'W the alignment, 189.5°, of Puerto Sto. Tomas leading lights leads through the centre of the entrance channel: Front Light (red triangular mark on metal framework tower) 15°48'N 088°37.2'W, visible on leading line only Rear Light (red triangular mark on metal framework tower) 347m S of the front light, visible on leading line only. The entrance channel is marked by lightbuoys. Useful marks: Bajo Villedo Light 15° 45.3'N 088° 37'W Muelle de Puerto Barrios Head Light 15°44.1'N 088°36.7'W.

Pilot: Compulsory. Pilot picked up approx 10km from the Port.

Anchorage: Anchor as required S to SW of Puerto Barrios Jetty in depths of 4.0-9.0m, mud bottom, but clear of the following: The entrance channel; the approaches to and N of Puerto Barrios jetty; a submarine pipeline N of Puerto Santo Tomas de Castilla turning basin 15°42'N 088°37'W
Tidal Range and flow: Range 0.6m.
Dock density: 1017
Weather: prevailing winds: N'ly & W'ly.

Principal navigation aids: *Mayor light:* Puerto Barrios light 15°43.8'N 088°36.0'W position approx.

Lights in line: The alignment, 237°, of lights in line, close NNW of the front leading light, is used to assist when anchoring Stern to the wharf; the holding ground in the turning basin is not good. Front Light 15°41.7'N 088°37.4'W. Rear Light 290m WSW of the front light

Charts: Admiralty charts # 2988 & 1573, approaches to Santo Tomas, Puerto Barrios y Puerto Cortes scale 1:65,000 & 1:25,000
Admiralty Pilot NP69A. H.O 28162
Tugs: Four tugs are available.

BERTHS AND CARGO

Names/Nos:

General cargo/Bulk Berths: pier 918m in length, providing six berths of 153m each; depth alongside 8.5-9.5m. Equipped with modern warehouses, pneumatic equipment for grain; and cranes up to 35t capacity.

Container Berths: there are no specialized container berths. The Port does not have a gantry crane and the operations are carried out using the ship's cranes.

Tanker berths: There are 21 pipelines at the eastern end of the pier, and 4 more at berth No. 3

Ro-Ro berths: There are no specialized Ro-Ro facilities. Ships berth stern to pier.

GENERAL

Repairs: Available

Bunker/Water/stores: *Fresh Water:* Available

Bunkering: Available by road tanker.

Medical Facilities: Puerto Barrios

Transport: *Nearest airport:* Puerto Barrios 8km.

Airport facilities: Domestic flights

Nearest railway: National railway network for connection to capital city.

Public Holidays: New Year's Day, Good Friday, Labour Day, and Christmas Day

Working hours: Throughout 24 hours if required.

Port Charges: Port Charges must be deposited in advance before the vessel's arrival, in order to ensure immediate berthing and proper services; otherwise Port Authorities will refuse the vessel.

Others: If the vessel will require logistics as fuel, water, supplies and others please let us know in advance. If there will be crew rotation or any other immigration matter, please let us know in advance

ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS

Geographic Position: Lat. 15° 42.0'N Long 088° 37.0'W

Temperature: max: 33.2°C min: 23.0°C mean: 27°C

Humidity: max: 80% min: 71% mean: 81%

Rain: Rainy season normally takes place between May to November with an annual mean of 2575.8mm

Atmospheric Pressure: max: 1013mb. Min: 1000mb. Annual mean: 1015mb.

Water Density: 1,017