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### **ARC Expands Atlantic Trade Service**

American Roll-on Roll-off Carrier, LLC (ARC) is pleased to announce the expansion of its Atlantic Service with the addition of a fifth world-class U.S. Flag Roll-on Roll-off vessel - the *M/V FREEDOM*, expanding our regular ports of call to include Galveston, Texas and Veracruz, Mexico.

With this service expansion, ARC will provide substantial, reliable and regular support to our commercial partners and our U.S. Government customers in the U.S., Mexico, Europe and the UK, with onward service available to the Mediterranean and beyond. The expanded product offering will also offer additional retrograde and redeployment capability for the Department of Defense through Europe and via the Northern Distribution Network.

The Atlantic liner service will henceforth consist of five vessels on a 10-day frequency with a 50-day round trip duration. Regular ports of call in the region will include Baltimore, MD, Charleston, SC, Brunswick, GA, Galveston, TX, Veracruz, Mexico, Antwerp, Belgium, Bremerhaven, Germany, Southampton, UK, and other ports served on an inducement basis. All of the ARC vessels in the Atlantic Service participate in the Maritime Security Program (MSP) and Voluntary Intermodal Sealift Agreement (VISA).

MSP is a federal maritime financial sustainment program that provides for a fleet of modern 60 U.S.-flagged and U.S.-crewed militarily-useful sealift assets operating in international trade. The MSP fleet enables the U.S. Government to provide sealift for U.S. armed forces utilizing the resources of the U.S.-flag commercial fleet. In addition, the presence of a U.S.-flagged commercial fleet operating in international trade enables the government to pursue overseas economic assistance programs, and provides two active crews per ship that are available to crew government reserve vessels in time of need. The MSP fleet provides a U.S. national security asset at a substantially lower cost than the government owning or maintaining an equivalent capability.

American Roll-on Roll-off Carrier is the largest U.S.-flag Ro-Ro carrier, and the third largest U.S.-flag carrier overall operating in international trade. Founded in 1990, the company is headquartered in New Jersey with major satellite offices in Frankfurt, Dubai and Washington, DC.

