

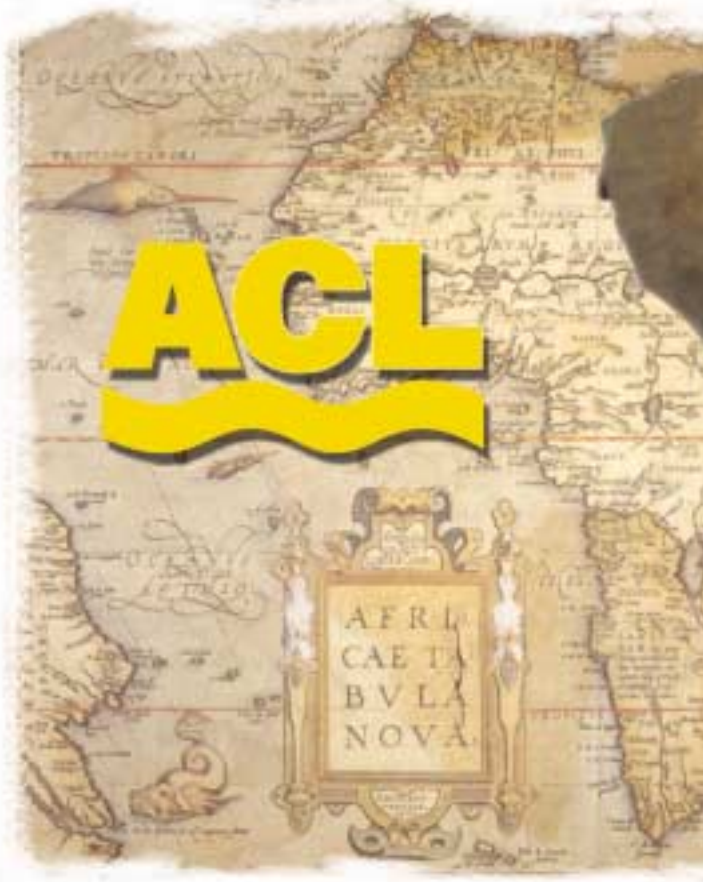
ACL's New Service To West Africa

Atlantic Container Line announces the start of a new Ro/Ro service from U.S. and Canadian ports to 11 West African ports.

The service began on May 1 and will operate weekly, with fixed-day-of-the-week calls at Baltimore on Thursdays; Portsmouth, Virginia on Fridays; New York on Saturdays and Halifax on Mondays. Cargo will be relayed in Antwerp to the Grimaldi Line vessels, which call directly at Dakar, Freetown, Abidjan, Tema, Lome, Cotonou, Lagos, Douala, Luanda, Pointe Noire and Matadi.

ACL will issue through bills-of-lading to all of these ports for all types of non-containerized cargo, including breakbulk cargo, trucks, construction equipment and materials, drilling equipment and machinery. ACL will assume full control and accountability for delivering the cargo to its final destination and will also offer inland transport service on both ends of the shipment.

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The ACL Ro/Ro staff in North America has an average of 20 years of experience in handling oversized cargo. In West Africa, the ACL people in the local offices of the Grimaldi Group have many years of experience working in the local market. All shipments will be tracked by ACL's modern computer system to speed documentation and shipment status information.

The combination of weekly frequency, fast transit times, proven reliability, intermodal capability and oversized cargo expertise will make this new ACL service unique in the West African market.

Atlantic Container Line will be bringing farm and construction equipment to West Africa from Baltimore. ⚓

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