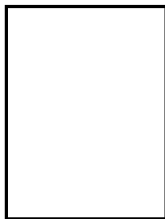


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- Entrance. Vessels may enter the port at any time. Pilots are not available. Draft is not a limiting factor. There is occasional congestion in the port during the harvest season, November through April.
- Stevedores. Three gangs are available. Their normal working hours are 0700 - 1500 on weekdays and 0700 - 1100 on Saturdays. All other times, Sundays and holidays are considered overtime.
- Piers. Vessels cannot berth at the piers. There are four cranes on the pier, one of 15-short ton and three of five-short ton capacity. The largest cubic lift is 20' x 10' x 11'. The freight cars have a maximum weight capacity of 20-short tons.
- Lighters. Normally there are six lighters in service and one undergoing repair. They are of 35-short ton capacity and measurement capacity is 32' x 16' x 5'. The wooden lighters are gradually being replaced by steel lighters, and as of November 1952, two of the lighters were steel.
- Warehouses. There are two warehouses. The customs warehouse has 30 thousand cubic feet capacity. A privately owned warehouse has 120 thousand cubic feet capacity. There is almost unlimited patio space, usable in the dry season.
- Transportation. The highway to Guatemala City is paved and is good in all seasons. There are two trains a day to and from Guatemala City.
- Services. No fresh water, fuel oil or diesel oil is available. Provisions may be obtained but three days advance notice is required.

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