



Statement from The Port Authority of the Cayman Islands.

The Port Authority would like apologize to our customers and the wider public who may have experienced short disruptions in our cargo services over the past weekend. We had a very unusual occurrence of simultaneously having both cranes experience mechanical failure. The Port staff along with assistance from Thompson Shipping were able to source the necessary parts to get one crane operational by the afternoon of the 13th January 2024 and recommence the handling of ships. The second crane should be operational later this week if all goes well. The port can function as normal with one crane in operation.

The Board of the Port Authority is aware of the poor condition of the port container handling equipment and has made provisions to replace them. The recent increase in port fees is allocated to equipment replacement. The two port cranes are 29 years and 41 years old. The Cayman Brac crane is 46 years old. Other container handling equipment is similarly aged.

The Port Authority will continue to work diligently to keep all of its equipment operational. Replacement of these large type of container handling equipment will have to be phased and will take several years.

A port mechanic unfortunately, experienced a non-life-threatening injury when he had a fall over the weekend.