Claims

1. A computer-implemented method for exchanging a container outside a port location between at least two users using a computing device, the method comprising:

receiving, by the computing device, first data relating to the container to be emptied of import cargo at a first location outside the port location;

receiving, by the computing device, second data relating to an export cargo booking at a second location outside the port location;

receiving, by the computing device, third data relating to pre-approval by a shipping line of the container for exchange;

triangulating, by the computing device, the first and second port locations;

comparing, by the computing device, the first, second and third data;

automatically determining, by the computing device, if the container can be exchanged between the at least two users based on the triangulation and comparison.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the first data comprises a container number, a container type and a container age.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the second data comprises export booking number, container type, container grade and cargo to be shipped.

4. A computer system for exchanging a container outside a port location between at least two users, the system comprising a processor configured to:

receive first data relating to the container to be emptied of import cargo at a first location outside the port location;

receive second data relating to an export cargo booking at a second location outside the port location;

receive third data relating to pre-approval by a shipping line of the container for exchange;

triangulate the first and second port locations;

compare the first, second and third data;

automatically determine if the container can be exchanged between the at least two users based on the triangulation and comparison.

5. The system of claim 4, wherein the first data comprises a container number, a container type and a container age.

6. The system of claim 4, wherein the second data comprises an export booking number, a container type, a container grade and a cargo to be shipped.