

Means of Transport and the concept of a Visit

'Goods don't fall from the sky'.

The operational business of a Terminal that deals with energy products, starts with receiving Products. These Products are carried by a Means of Transport (MoT). The following MoT's are common in the industry.



Any MoT has their own particulars in terms of what to register. For example, a Vessel will have an International Maritime Organization (IMO) number, which is a unique identification number and is referred to in the business by name. A truck on the other hand comes with a license plate number and won't have a name. A Train has wagons and each wagon has an ID. So each type of MoT has its own set of details that need to be registered.

Furthermore, it is important to note that these MoT's are in the business of transport, meaning they can visit the terminal today and be back tomorrow for another operation. Therefore, when registering a Visit, registering the MoT by identification is not sufficient, it should also be registered under the Estimated Time of Arrival (ETA).

The Means of Transport visiting the terminal is registered under an identification and estimated time of arrival. The registration of a **Visit**.

Looking at the **inbound process**, the registration of a Visit requires a setup by Visit type. In terms of setup the aim is to do this in a generic manner, so that the principle of setting up a Visit type is characterized by:

1. The identification of the MoT. This is the name and/or registration numbers. Think of IMO numbers in case of Vessels, license number for Trucks, Wagon numbers for trains, etc.;
2. The ETA; and
3. Other specific data elements driven the type of MoT, where it should always be flexible to add a data element.

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