

MSC Schedules User's Guide

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1. Getting Started

1.1. The Home Page (query screen)

The Schedules tab of the MSC home page is the screen in which you may enter a schedules query (see Figure 1).

You may search schedules for a specific pair of origin and destination.

1.1.1. Search by Location

To query sailing schedules based on origin and destination select the Search By Location tab and simply type in the location names (using English names for locations) and click on the <Get Schedules> button. You can use the default values for all other fields.

The application will query all schedules data for the entered criteria. It will only display records that have the departure date (or arrival date, depending on your selection) between the date specified in the <Date> field and a date 'x' weeks in the future where 'x' is the number of weeks specified in the <Weeks Out> field.

You will then be automatically brought to the Results Page to review the answer to your query.

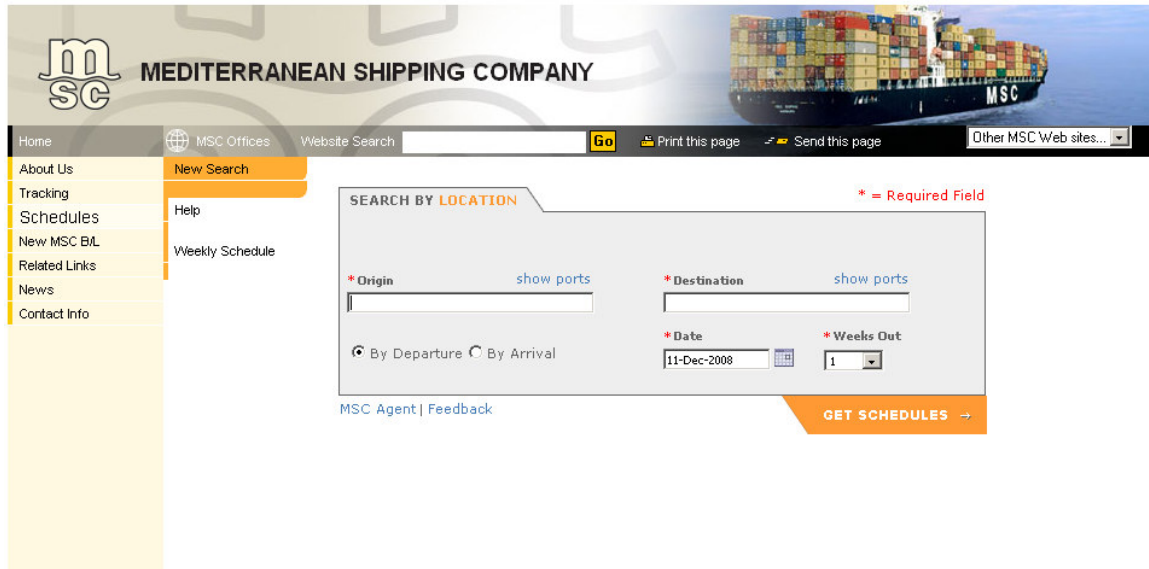


Figure 1. The Home Page (Query Screen)

1.2. The Results Page

The results page displays the answers to your schedules query and allows you to interact with the data (see Figure 2). The different features on the page are described in the sections that follow.

The query size depends on how many how many weeks you requested in the query. The query size and your connection speed will determine how long the query takes to execute. Select a lower number of weeks to reduce the query time.

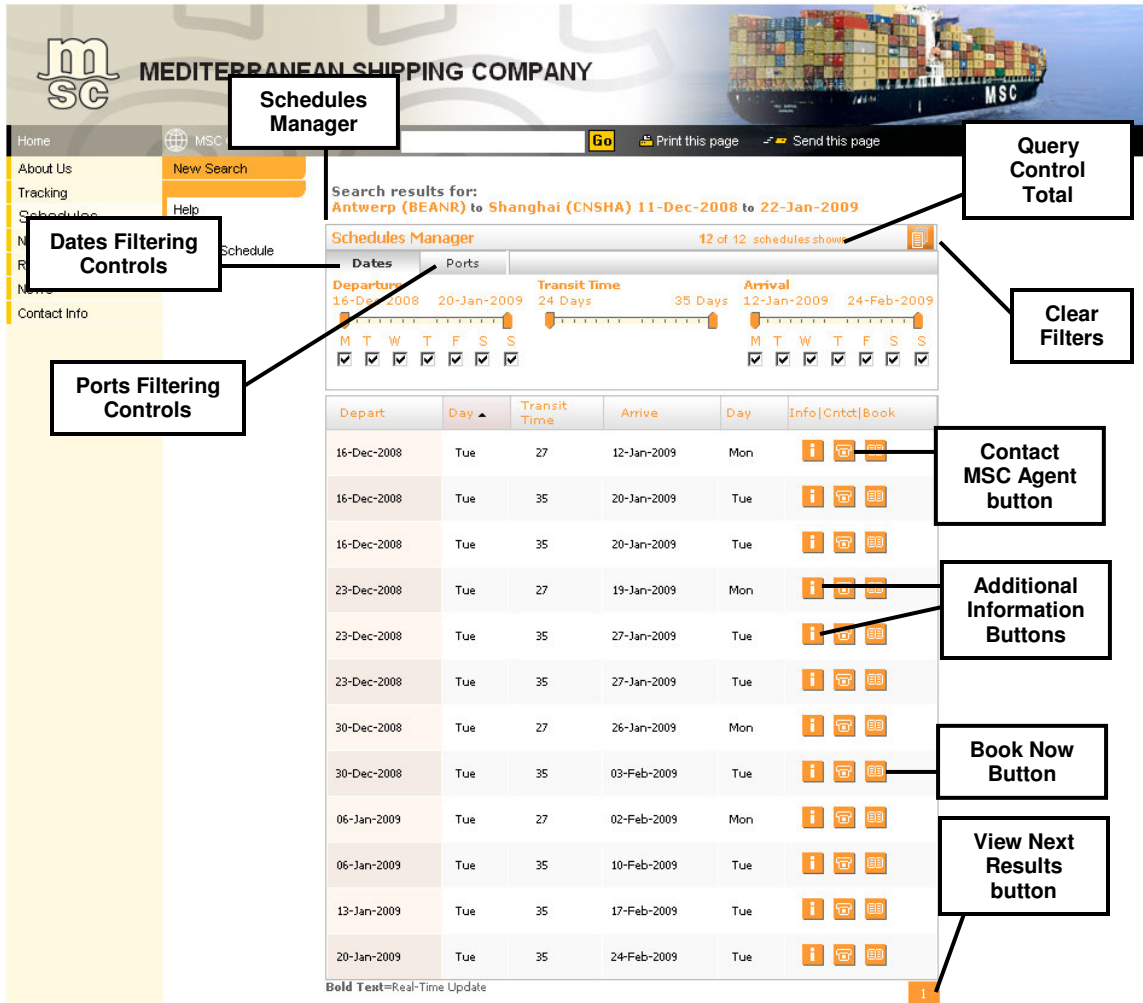


Figure 2. The Results Page

Schedules Manager™

MSC provides you access to traditional schedules data and the Schedules Manager™ allows you to interact with the data to quickly find the specific voyages of interest to you.

- Use your mouse to drag either of the slider icons to change the date windows or the transit-time filter.
- Check or uncheck the day-of-the-week or carrier checkboxes to instantly change the filtering of the displayed data.
- Use the “display all” or “select all” hyperlinks to quickly bring back data that is filtered out.
- Use the control total at the top to see how much you have filtered out.
- Select the Dates tab to filter your results based on departure and arrival dates, days of the week and transit time.
- Select the Ports tab to filter your results based on surrounding ports at the origin or destination.

1.2.1. Column Sorting

Every column of data can be the sort column by clicking on the up or down arrow immediately to the right of each column heading. The sort column is lightly shaded and the sort order is indicated by highlighting the up or down arrow.

The default sort order is date (either departure or arrival, depending on the selection in the query screen) plus transit time (shortest to longest).

1.2.2. *Additional Information Button*

The additional information button brings a popup window that provides additional information about a specific voyage (see Figure 3). You may click on the Contact Now button to send your inquiry directly to MSC about rates and other services.

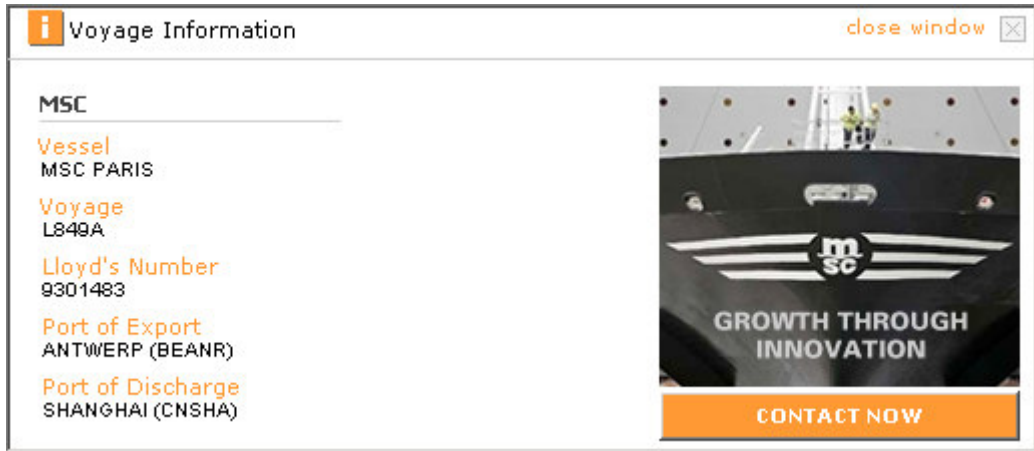




Figure 3. The Additional Information Popup

1.2.3. *Contact MSC Agent Button*

The “Contact MSC Agent” button provides a way for you to indicate to MSC that you would like to be contacted about a particular voyage.

When you click on it, you will see the screen shown in Figure 4. Fill in all the fields and when you hit <Submit>, MSC will receive your contact information and information about the specific voyage of interest.

 Contact MSC
close window 

Hitting "Submit" on this page will send your contact information below to MSC and ask them to make contact with you about this specific voyage. Please enter or confirm your details below.

*** Indicates Required Field**

I would like to be contacted by MSC

* Name

* Job Title

* Company Name

* Phone Number

* Email Address

* City

* Country

* # containers/month this trade

* # containers/month all trades

* Commodity

Notes Comments

I am already a customer of this carrier on this trade.

SUBMIT →

Figure 4. The Contact MSC Agent Popup

1.2.4. Book Now Button

You may wish to make a booking on a specific voyage directly from MSC.

This is possible through our strategic relationship with INTTRA Inc., the world's largest portal for ocean container shippers.

You will not be able to make a booking unless:

- a. You have a login and password for INTTRA.
- b. You are 'registered' with MSC at INTTRA. Registration is the process during which INTTRA makes internal configurations to allow smooth data exchange to and from a specific carrier. Each individual carrier requires registration.

Figure 5 shows the popup window that you will see when you are asked to login to INTTRA.

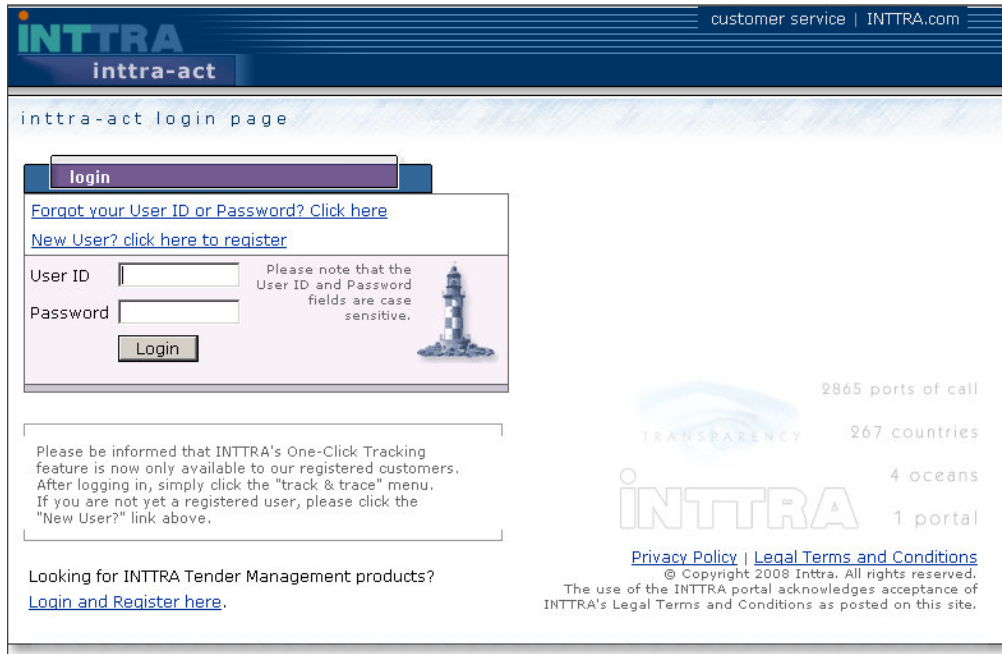


Figure 5. The INTTRA Login Screen

Figure 6 shows the data that is passed by MSC to INTTRA's booking application. You can complete the booking and submit it just as you would with any other INTTRA booking.

Ocean Carriage	
Load Port	SINGAPORE, SINGAPORE search
Vessel	APL CYPRINE
Voyage	137E
Sail Date	02-Jun-2006
Discharge Port	HONG KONG, HONG KONG search
Vessel Schedules (optional)	search schedules

Figure 6. Data passed to the INTTRA Booking Application