

Carriers Settle Government Cargo Price-Fixing Claims



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On March 7, 2014, the Department of Justice issued a [press release](#) announcing that Sea Star Line LLC and Horizon Lines LLC have agreed to resolve claims that they violated the False Claims Act by fixing the price of government-impelled cargoes in the U.S.-Puerto Rico trade. Under the settlement agreements, Sea Star and Horizon agreed to pay \$1.9 million and \$1.5 million, respectively. The settlement is the latest chapter in Government's multiyear investigation into price-fixing in the trade, and underscores the additional exposure faced by Federal contractors in price-fixing cases.

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