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## Season's Greetings To All

This year is coming to an end and a New Year will shortly be upon us. For many of us, 2015 has been challenging and 2016 is likely to be another year of significant industry change and challenges.

As a not for profit, independent, self-funded non-political industry association, we rely significantly on membership support provided to us in many forms ranging from sponsorship, advertising, attendance at events, volunteers and membership subscriptions. For all those who have assisted us in 2015 we sincerely thank you.

For ICHCA Australia, 2015 has seen us working closely with ICHCA International resulting in greater access for our members to a lot of really useful technical information on key issues such as the Verification of Container Weights (that comes into effect in July 2016.). ICHCA International has also released a Publications Directory which includes a summary of the many papers available on a broad range of issues.

In 2016 ICHCA Australia will seek to:

- Provide members with information and seek input on a wide range of cargo handling and transport issues
  - Through our websites, newsletters, bulletins and work as a recognised NGO (Non-Government Organisation)
  - drawing on the experience and expertise of the ICHCA global member community.
- Support the ICHCA International Conference on *Bigger Ships, Greater Challenges* being held from 1 to 3 March 2016 at the World Trade Centre, Barcelona, Spain.
  - for further information see <https://www.etches.com/ichconference.com>.
- Encourage more members to participate in the work of the ICHCA International Safety Panel (ISP) / Technical Panel and its various correspondence Groups
  - The first ISP/Technical Panel meeting for 2016 will meet in Barcelona during on the 3 March.
- Enable members to make greater use of ICHCA's Technical Advisory Service.
- Continue with ICHCA's wide range of publications.
- Hold a series of speaker events including luncheons, forums, seminars and information sessions on items of interest to members.
- Inform members and invite their input to a wide range of matters that ICHCA is discussing with organisations including the International Maritime Organisation (IMO), International Standards Organisation (ISO), International Labour Organisation (ILO).
- Ask members to forward articles and other works for publication/ consideration.
- Actively progress a range of initiatives to benefit the industry on matters such as:
  - Cargo import/export issues through the Department of Agriculture Cargo Consultative Committee

- Verification of Container Weights
- Code of Practice on Packing of Cargo Transport Unit (CTU)
- “Development of Material for Promoting a Culture of Safety in the Supply Chain”
- Container Lashings and Securing
- Losses of Containers Overboard
- Contaminated Container Refrigerants
- Dangerous goods
- Guidelines for Approved Continuous Examination Programme (ACEP)
- Ships’ Lifting Appliances
- Safety information signs in airports and marine terminals
- Solid bulk cargoes
- IMO Type Portable Tanks.

As you can see, our 2016 program is ambitious and we welcome our members to take an active part in supporting it. We also would like greater membership involvement in what we do. For example have you thought of volunteering to become a member of our State based ICHCA Committee? If you are interested please let me know.

I trust we will all enjoy the holiday break and come back in 2016 refreshed and enthusiastic.

All the very best to you and your families,

**John Warda**  
**Chairman, ICHCA Australia**

## **ICHCA Conference Explores Changing Global Landscape for Container and Cargo Operations**

*March 2016 ICHCA event will bring key maritime supply chain stakeholders together to assess shared responsibility for safety, security and efficiency in the big ship era.*

ICHCA International has announced new speakers from around the world for its 2016 conference Bigger Ships, Greater Challenges. Running from 29 Feb – 2 March at the World Trade Center, Barcelona, the conference will focus on improving safety, security and efficiency along the container and cargo handling chain in the era of bigger ships, with cross-party debate from all key industry and institutional stakeholders.

Latest confirmed speakers include Chris Welsh, General Secretary of the Global Shippers Forum (GSF); Santiago Garcia-Mila, Deputy Executive Director, Port of Barcelona and President of port industry trade associations IAPH and ESPO; Richard Anamoo, Director-General of the Ghana Ports and Harbors Authority; Dr Kimikho Endoh, Director of Japan’s Ministry of Land Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism; and John Warda, Director Global Supply Chain for Emerald Grain, also Chair of ICHCA’s Australia chapter.

Among other key issues, the event will assess and advise on industry-wide preparations ahead of the new IMO SOLAS container weight verification regime coming into force next July. ICHCA was heavily involved as an NGO in developing the new rules, which require the weight of all loaded containers to be verified by one of two methods prior to being loaded onto a ship - either by weighing the entire container complete with its contents, or by separately weighing the cargo and packing materials and then adding this to the tare weight of the container.

Some shippers remain unaware of the legislation and many more have stated that they will not be ready. With 170 IMO signatory nations automatically obliged to comply with the legislation come 1 July, industry and regulators face a significant global challenge over the next seven months. Practical next steps to enable implementation will be the topic of a half-day session during the conference, with insights from IMO, TT Club, Holman Fenwick Willian, Port of Barcelona and Contship Italia, among others. The session will also address the related issues of proper cargo packing and container lashing and securing – also essential to ensure safety and prevent loss along the transport chain. ICHCA together with GSF, TT Club and World Shipping Council has just released a set of FAQs on the new SOLAS rules and these will also be discussed during the conference.

Bigger ships and higher concentrations of cargo are putting infrastructure, operational and administrative processes under pressure, most notably at port nodes and other key hand-off points along the chain. Sessions at this year's events will assess how the various stakeholders should deal with this new reality, looking at operational challenges at the ship-port and port-hinterland interface as well as along end-to-end chains. Other focus areas will include dangerous goods management in the wake of the Tianjin disaster, plus how emergency response, salvage and ports of refuge need to adapt to cope with future incidents involving larger ships and cargo blocks.

Training and technology are also on the agenda, with a session devoted to Building Smarter, Safer Supply Chains. Speakers will include Andrew Francis, Director of DP World Institute - the newly-launched independent training wing of DP World – who will look at emerging technology and techniques for training the next generation of port personnel on a global basis. Joining him will be Richard Morton, Secretary General of the International Port Community Systems Association (IPCSA) who will look at cyber security challenges as the industry digitises.

“In order to develop solutions for the rapid changes faced by the industry, it is crucial to engage all the supply chain members and to take a global perspective. Container and cargo safety are a shared responsibility and now more than ever before require robust cross-party dialogue and understanding,” said Capt. Richard Brough, ICHCA International's Technical Adviser. “As the global NGO for cargo handling, ICHCA is delighted to stage this international event, bringing all the interested parties together to discuss common challenges and map out pragmatic responses.”

The high-level event will feature two days of conference sessions and a site visit to the Port of Barcelona, one of the Mediterranean's largest and most diverse cargo handling and logistics hubs. There will also be extensive networking opportunities including two drinks receptions.

Book now via this link: <http://www.etches.com/ichcaconference>

The FAQs document can be downloaded on the ICHCA website here:  
<http://www.ichca.com/container-weighing>

## Visit Barcelona for ICHCA International Conference 2016



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#### Keynote Speakers

- KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Kitack Lim, Secretary General-elect, **IMO**
- INDUSTRY KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Kevin Furniss, Vice President – Head of Health, Safety, Security, Environment and Sustainability, **APM Terminals Management B.V.**

## Other speakers include:

- Joseph Westwood-Booth, Senior Deputy Director, Sub-Division for Marine Technology and Cargoes, Maritime Safety Division, **IMO**
- Santiago Garcia Mila, Deputy Executive Director, **Port of Barcelona**, President, **IAPH** & Chairman, **ESPO**
- Daniele Ciulli, Quality, Safety, Security and Environmental Manager, **Contship Italia**

Visit the [conference website](#) for a full list of speakers.

The conference will address key industry challenges as recently highlighted in the media:

- [Just 30% of cargo owners will be ready for IMO regulations in July 2016.](#)
- [Terminals are struggling to handle the volume and size of ships](#)

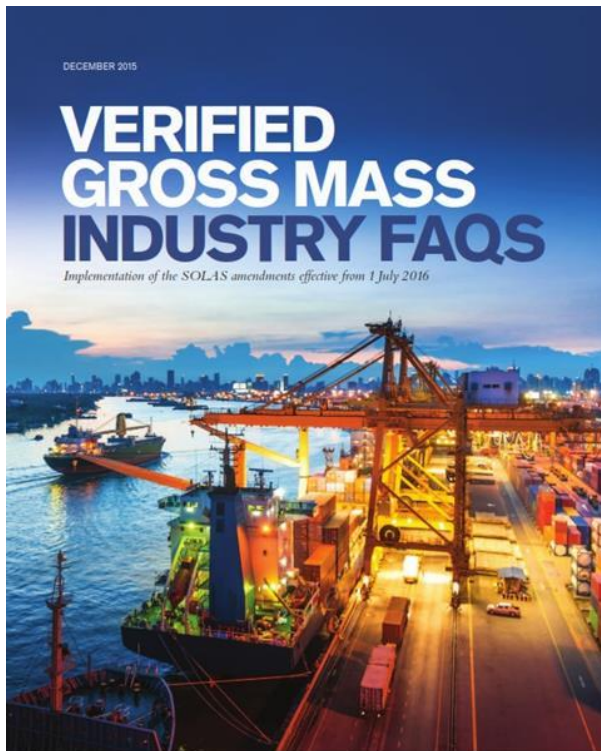
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## Hot topics

- **Dangerous goods management** & incident response - strategies for the big ship era
- **Container weighing**, packing & securing - new rules, new realities
- **Global maritime cargo operations** - risks, responsibilities & responses
- **Improving safety, security & efficiency** in container operations
- **Bigger ships, greater challenges** – best practices in safe container operations explored
- **Operational best practice** for safe, secure & efficient maritime trade

For a full list of topics & speakers, please visit the [conference website](#).



For our jointly released FAQs document with **World Shipping Council (WSC)**, **TT Club**, and the **Global Shippers' Forum (GSF)** on the issues arising from the new container weighing regulation, visit the [ICHCA Website](#)

Just 30% of cargo owners say they will be ready to comply with this legislation. With key representation from the IMO, the ICHCA International Conference 2016 promises to discuss, in full detail, the legislation and how best to ensure compliance by July 2016.

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## Industry Coalition Offers Clarity on New Container Weighing Regulations

The World Shipping Council (WSC), the TT Club, ICHCA and the Global Shippers' Forum (GSF) have jointly released a new Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document to address issues arising from the new container weighing regulations due to take effect globally on 1 July 2016. The amendments to the SOLAS (Safety of Life at Sea) Convention require packed shipping containers to have a verified gross mass (VGM) before they can be loaded on a ship for export.

The amendments were adopted by the IMO (International Maritime Organization) to enhance maritime safety and reduce the dangers to containerships, their crews and all those involved in container transport throughout the supply chain. The FAQs have been developed by the industry coalition in response to numerous questions from shippers, carriers, forwarders and terminal operators about the steps they must take to ensure successful implementation of the new regulations.

This initial FAQs document seeks to clarify how the SOLAS container weight verification requirements will function in various situations. It identifies commercial and operational arrangements that will have to be addressed and it flags issues that must be dealt with by national governments. The FAQs are based on actual questions from affected stakeholders and they will be expanded as new issues emerge. Stakeholders are invited to approach any of the collaborating organizations with additional questions that may come up. Contact details of 'subject-matter experts' from each of the organizations can be found at the end of the FAQs document.

Container safety is a shared responsibility, and all parties have an interest in improving the safety of ships, the safety of cargo and the reduction of the risks to the lives of ships' crews and others throughout the containerized supply chain.

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ICHCA Australia members can now not only access the ICHCA Australia website at [www.ichca-australia](http://www.ichca-australia) but also the newly revamped ICHCA International website : <http://www.ichca.com>. We do hope you will like the new site and agree with us that the user experience is greatly improved.

If you have any questions on the new website or ideas for how we can make it even better for you, please do let us know.

Some of the features that have been improved:

- ☐ You now have control over the creation of your own online account and can change your password at any time.
- ☐ It is easier to locate and download all of the ICHCA publications including Briefing Pamphlets, Research Papers and many more: <http://www.ichca.com/publications>
- ☐ \*New\* Issues pages: Dedicated pages with information to do with certain key issues such as CTU Packing including upcoming events, documentation and news articles: <http://www.ichca.com/ctu-packing>
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## National Online Key Freight Routes Map Launched

A new cornerstone has been laid to help Australia's freight logistics industries to cost effectively connect regions and cities to the world, with the launch of the national key freight routes map as an interactive online tool. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, Warren Truss, said the online map details key road and rail routes used by freight operators throughout the country.

“The map provides a detailed picture of the road and rail routes connecting Australia's nationally significant places for freight, including ports, airports and intermodal terminals. The interactive map will help people develop a greater understanding of our national land freight system and the online format allows users to overlay other base-maps and datasets and zoom in to a high level of detail. Future development of the maps will further support planning and investment decisions, regulatory purposes and customer service features for the transport and logistics industry.”

The map is expected to be of interest to a range of users including the transport and logistics industry, all levels of government, land use planners, researchers, and property and business groups. The national key freight routes map can be found on the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development's [website](#) and the [NationalMap](#) website, enabling users to overlay a broader range of useful datasets.

Mapping Australia's key freight routes has been an initiative of the Australian Government in partnership with all state and territory governments working through the Transport and Infrastructure Council.

## **Australia's Agricultural Export Legislation Gets Shake-up**

Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Barnaby Joyce, has announced changes to agricultural export legislation to better support exporters of agricultural products and facilitate trade. This completes the first stage of the Agricultural Export Regulation Review, which started in July 2015 and has involved extensive engagement with industry and stakeholders.

Mr Joyce said that a wide range of stakeholders across all agricultural export industries around Australia were consulted as part of the review, as well as state and territory governments and overseas trading partners. The review found that the legislation has served our exporters well over the last 30 years. It has assisted us in capturing and maintaining overseas markets, and supports our initiatives to facilitate trade," he said.

"But we cannot rest on our laurels and the Coalition Government is determined to ensure that we have contemporary, flexible and efficient laws that can respond to a range of situations and support our farmers and exporters - now and into the future.

"There is scope for the regulatory framework to be modernised to enable exporters to meet future importing country requirements and seize future opportunities.

For more information about the review and next steps, go to [www.agriculture.gov.au/export-regulation-review](http://www.agriculture.gov.au/export-regulation-review).

## **Regionally Based Executives Boost Queensland GOC Boards**

Four new board appointments have been announced at the Port of Townsville and SunWater.

The new directors for Port of Townsville Limited are:

- Shayne Hanran, an engineer with over 25 years of experience in regional and mining projects and currently employed as AECOM's Director - North Queensland and Northern Territory. Mr Hanran has considerable experience leading multi-disciplinary teams to deliver services to clients across a range of industry sectors in Australia and overseas.
- Megan Heywood, Principal Lawyer and cofounder, Fredericks Heywood (Townsville). Ms Heywood is an accomplished lawyer and mediator with a career spanning both the public and private sectors, including several years working as a crown prosecutor. She is also a founding member of the Sky Foundation, which supports the work of the Townsville Women's Centre and raises community awareness about domestic violence.

The two new appointees to the Board of SunWater Limited are:

- Moya Steele, Partner with MacDonnells Law (Townsville). Ms Steele is an experienced lawyer with extensive knowledge of legal processes associated with planning, development management and project management. She is also an active member of several regionally based associations, including the Townsville Chamber of Commerce, and was recently appointed as a Discretionary Director of Townsville Enterprise.
- David Stewart, is a chartered professional engineer specialising in civil, dams, water, major infrastructure and geotechnical engineering projects. He has over 30 years of practical experience in both the public and private sectors, where he held a number of senior technical and managerial roles. Mr Stewart was formerly a Director and Chairman of the Australian National Committee on Large Dams.

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## NSW Ports Announces New CEO

NSW Ports has announced the appointment of Marika Calfas as its new CEO. Confirming Ms Calfas' appointment, NSW Ports Chairman, Paul McClintock AO, said: "The Board is delighted to appoint Marika to the position of CEO. She has demonstrated that she possesses the experience, qualities and capabilities required to successfully lead the business. We look forward to working with her to deliver on the organisation's objectives."

"Marika has a comprehensive knowledge of the business having been part of the NSW Ports Executive Team since 2013 and came to NSW Ports with 12 years experience at Sydney Ports Corporation. She has impressed the Board during her period as Interim CEO and was selected through a global executive search process that identified a very strong field of candidates."

Before taking on the Interim CEO role, Ms Calfas held the position of Executive General Manager Strategy, Planning and Infrastructure where she led the development of the organisation's 30 Year Master Plan, released in October 2015. Prior to her port roles, she worked at engineering consultancy firm, Sinclair Knight Merz.

Ms Kalfas said, "I am passionate about NSW's port gateways and freight supply chains, and the vital role they play in supporting business and consumer needs. Ensuring they continue to grow and operate efficiently and sustainably is essential."

"In my capacity as CEO, I look forward to continuing to engage with our many stakeholders and working with my colleagues at NSW Ports to deliver these strategic outcomes." She has a degree in Engineering together with a Masters of Engineering Management and Masters of Environmental Law. Ms Kalfas is a Board member of PIANC Australia (the International Waterborne Transport Association) and is Australia's representative to PIANC's International Environmental Commission. She is a recent appointee to the Board of the Australian Logistics Council and a member of the Property Council Industrial Committee.

## **Director of Queensland's Biggest Grain Exporter Joins QRAA Board**

Queensland Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries, Leanne Donaldson, has welcomed the appointment a new Queensland Rural Adjustment Authority director from the state's biggest grain exporter. Toowoomba-based Belinda Turner is the chief financial officer of Nidera Australia. She has experience as a chartered accountant at all levels of the Australian grain industry.

"Belinda Turner has agribusiness know-how and a passion for Queensland primary producers to seize new export opportunities," Ms Donaldson said. "QRAA is also gaining the expertise of someone who has worked to encourage more young people and women into agriculture, through her previous roles with the Future Farmers' Network and the Queensland Rural Regional and Remote Women's Network."

QRAA Chairman, Wayne Carlson, has been reappointed for a further three years while Elton Miller has also been appointed as a QRAA board director.

Outgoing QRAA board member Beth Woods takes over as the Director-General of DAF in January.

QRAA is a Queensland Government statutory authority and specialist administrator of government financial assistance programs including loans, grants, rebates and subsidies.

## **New Chairman of Trade and Investment Queensland Announced**

Former Queensland Minister, Steve Bredhauer, has been appointed to the role of Chairman of Trade and Investment Queensland (TIQ). As the former Queensland Government Special Representative to China and Vietnam, Mr Bredhauer has led 14 trade missions to China, Vietnam and Mongolia in a variety of industry sectors. He has also worked with Queensland companies seeking to establish or expand their export business throughout these markets.

Mr Bredhauer has experience in various sectors including mining, technology, infrastructure, green building and sustainable urban development, maritime, education and training and agriculture.

He was the Queensland Member for Cook from 1989 to 2004 and also Minister for Transport and Main Roads from 1998 to 2005.

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