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About ICHCA – International Cargo Handling Coordination Association

The International Cargo Handling Coordination Association (ICHCA) is an international, independent, not-for-profit organisation dedicated to improving the safety, security, sustainability, productivity and efficiency of cargo handling and goods movement by all modes and through all phases of national and international supply chains. ICHCA International’s privileged non-government organisation (NGO) status enables it to represent its members, and the cargo handling industry at large, in front of national and international agencies and regulatory bodies. Its Expert Panel provides best practice advice and publications on a wide range of practical cargo handling issues.

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Verification of Container Weights to become 'Law'

ICHCA International is heavily involved in the issues around contentious new IMO SOLAS legislation on Verification of Container Weights that will come into force on 1 July 2016.

Two methods to verify the weight of loaded or empty containers are likely to be used:

- Weighing the container
- For the shipper of the packed container to arrange for the individual packages, pieces of cargo, pallets etc. to be weighed and aggregate that along with the weight of all dunnage, lashing and securing material, plus the tare of the empty container, to arrive at an accurate calculated weight

This issue will be further addressed at the forthcoming **ICHCA International Conference 2016 - Bigger Ships, Greater Challenges being held from 29 February to 2 March 2016 at the World Trade Centre, Barcelona, Spain**

Following on from the Conference ICHCA Australia will be run a series of industry forums to encourage greater dialogue and awareness of this important matter that will affect all members in the supply chain. Such forums may also include information and discussion of the latest Code of Practice on Packing of Cargo Transport Units.

For those of you interested in this matter note that AMSA has prepared a discussion paper and is seeking feedback on the impact these amendments will have on the whole logistics supply chain, along with possible solutions that may lessen these impacts. They are holding an industry consultation. The details are below:

Date: Friday 20 November 2015

Location: the Stamford Plaza ([111 Little Collins Street, Melbourne](#))

Time: 9am to 12pm.

Morning tea will be provided

Please confirm your attendance by midnight 15 November 2015 (AEDT) by registering at this link: <https://www.ivvy.com/event/XW9647/>

Bigger Ships, Greater Challenges

***RISING TO NEW GLOBAL DEMANDS IN CARGO OPERATIONS:
SAFETY, SECURITY & EFFICIENCY IN THE AGE OF SCALE***

How can stakeholders along the maritime supply chain maintain – and indeed improve – safety, security and efficiency in the face of rapidly escalating ship sizes and greater concentrations of cargo, both at sea and on land?

What must be done – individually and collectively – to address the new operational demands created by the shift to ultra large containerships (ULCs) on major deep-sea trades, and the cascade of much larger vessels throughout secondary and regional markets?

Does the continued pressure on global freight rates pose a threat to delivering safer supply chains?

How will the global cargo community meet the July 2016 deadline for compliance with major new IMO legislation on container weight verification?

What must be done to address the rising risks posed by inefficiencies in cargo packing, container lashing and securing and dangerous goods management?

Do we need new approaches to emergency response, salvage and ports of refuge in light of much larger vessels and cargo concentration? And how do we deal with growing security challenges, both physical and virtual?

These are just a few of the hot topics on the agenda at ICHCA International's 2016 conference, taking place from 29 February to 2 March 2016 at the World Trade Centre in Barcelona, one of the Mediterranean's major maritime cargo hubs.

Tackling the complex operational challenges now confronting cargo supply chains worldwide is a major undertaking that demands robust co-ordination between all the industry stakeholders and between industry and regulators.

As the global NGO for cargo handling, ICHCA International is dedicated to facilitating cross-party dialogue and learning, shaping and sharing good practice, and representing our industry in key legislative efforts. We are therefore pleased to stage this international event, bringing all the interested parties together to discuss common operational challenges and map out pragmatic responses.

ICHCA International looks forward to welcoming you to the great port city of Barcelona for two days of intensive information exchange and networking with our expert panel of speakers and fellow professionals from across the global cargo community.



Registration link for the ICHCA International Conference is now live you may register your participation at the various options of the event by going to www.etches.com/ichconference

Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

David Bendall, Chairman, ICHCA International

An advertisement for STRANG Engineered Logistics. The background is a photograph of a large industrial port facility with several large blue and orange cranes and a ship docked. The text is overlaid on the image in yellow and white. The text reads: 'STRANG ENGINEERED LOGISTICS is the tailoring of purpose-built logistic solutions which deliver the most effective, efficient and sustainable outcomes for our clients. Our engineered approach is built on STRANG's 90 years of experience, expertise, dedication and innovation.' At the bottom left, it says 'Visit us at www.stxgroup.com.au or call +61296691099'. At the bottom right is the STRANG logo, which consists of a blue and yellow diamond shape followed by the text 'STRANG ENGINEERED LOGISTICS'.

ICHCA Japan holds successful 2nd Technical Seminar

ICHCA Japan in association with the Japan Association of Cargo-handling Machinery Systems (JACMS) held a very successful Technical Seminar in Tokyo on 29th September, its 2nd such workshop for port operators throughout Japan. ICHCA's International (IIL) CEO & Technical adviser Captain Richard Brough, International Deputy Chairman Laurence Jones and ICHCA Australia Chairman John Warda attended the seminar which was supported by the Japanese Ministry for Land, Infrastructure, Transport & tourism (MLIT) with over 70 people in attendance.

The 3 keynote speakers, Capt. Brough, Laurence Jones and Dr. Endou were well received and presented on "An update on cargo handling machinery & technology trends", "How to reduce accidents & the role of insurances at Ports" and "Policy on Container ports in Japan" respectively.

The hospitality of our Japanese chapter members was superb and we look forward to hosting them when they attend future Australian meetings.



The senior panel at the workshop – (l to r) Mr. Ueda (ICHCA Japan Chairman), Capt Richard Brough (IIL), Mr Takashi OWAKI, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport & Tourism, Laurence Jones (IIL), Dr. Kimihiko Endou, Director MLIT and John Warda ICHCA Australia Chairman.



Conference attendees taking in the information



Our international guests enjoyed the Sumo wrestling as a special treat ahead of the Conference seminar



Laurence Jones and Richard Brough faceoff at a "Sumo" restaurant with ICHCA Japan Chairman Ueda-san the referee

Chinese Company Buys Darwin Port: Backs Investment in the Territory

China's Vice Minister for the Ministry of Land and Resources said the Darwin Port partnership between the Northern Territory Government and Landbridge sends a message to Chinese companies that the Territory is a place to do business. Chinese Vice Minister, Dr Wan Min, who met with Northern Territory Asian Engagement and Trade Minister, Peter Styles, at the China-Australia Resources Investment Forum in Beijing, said the Landbridge partnership symbolised the desire China and its businesses have to forge new relationships in Australia's north.

"Dr Wan Min reinforced what other members of the Chinese Government have made clear; the China Free Trade Agreement is a milestone in China-Australia history and the opportunity must not be missed," Mr Styles said. "Like the partnership with Landbridge it has the capacity to open up fresh trade links through air, sea and investment. This further Chinese investment is welcome and continues to shine a spotlight on what the Northern Territory Government is doing. We are committed to forging strategic partnerships. Deepening our co-operation with China is in the best interests of a prosperous Territory economy."

The \$506 million deal with Landbridge Group will see the lease of the Darwin Port land and facilities of East Arm Wharf (including the Darwin Marine Supply Base) and Fort Hill Wharf for 99 years. The Territory will retain Stokes Hill Wharf, Fisherman's and Hornibrook's Wharves and Frances Bay facilities. It will also retain a range of oversight and regulatory functions including the Regional Harbourmaster role and (through the independent Utilities Commission) responsibility for price and access regulation.

Chief Minister, Adam Giles, said that the search for a private sector partner to operate the port had achieved an outstanding result for the Territory. "In Landbridge we have a partner that has demonstrated an outstanding track record of investment and innovation that has underpinned remarkable growth and with it new trade and jobs. "We are confident that Landbridge will bring a similar approach to the Port of Darwin and bring the Territory the benefits of their position, networks and experience in Asia." Landbridge has confirmed its intent to maintain the established workforce at the Port of Darwin and that there will be no forced redundancies during the term of the current Enterprise Agreement (which terminates in June 2018). Landbridge also intends to implement a stable and competitive pricing regime for Port services with no more than CPI indexed pricing adjustments for the use of current Port facilities.

Landbridge Group is a privately owned Chinese group that operates a 30 million tonne per annum port in North Haizhou Bay in Shandong province, strategically located between Beijing and Shanghai. Landbridge is in the process of expanding its port capacity to in excess of 200 million tonnes per annum - more than 65 times the current volume at the Port of Darwin. Landbridge Group also has hotel and tourism, trade and manufacturing, real estate and petrochemical interests in mainland China together with interests in Australia through its subsidiary Westside Corporation, a Queensland based oil and gas producer.

The extensive network of the Landbridge Group will be utilised to promote oil and gas, mineral exports, live cattle export, inbound tourism and other investments in the Territory to the Asian business community. Landbridge intends to hold events in both Darwin and China to strengthen Darwin's ties with China, inviting senior representatives from government and key corporates including Chinese airlines, infrastructure investors and potential trade partners.

ICHCA Invites Your Participation In Government Interactions

ICHCA Australia is a member of the Department of Agriculture's Cargo Consultative Committee (DCCC) and ICHCA Australia Chairman, John Warda, is the ICHCA representative on the DCCC. ICHCA Australia is bringing attention to its members of the opportunity to participate in DCCC matters.

Approved Arrangements are looking to form working groups of Quarantine Approved Premises (QAP) operators and Compliance Agreement (CA) holders. Initially the focus will be on the new biosecurity legislation and the transition of QAPs and CAs to Approved Arrangements. The department would also welcome nominations from DCCC members if you have QAP operators or CA holders within your member organisations that may be interested. For further information please contact Caroline Gibson, Director Approved Arrangements on 02 6272 3345.

The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources is currently developing policy to support the transition to the new Biosecurity Act 2015 which commences on 16 June 2016. The 12 month delay is to ensure that staff, stakeholders and clients understand their rights and responsibilities under the new Biosecurity Act and there is a smooth transition to the new regulatory arrangements. While significant changes to Quarantine Approved Premises and Compliance Agreement arrangement requirements are not anticipated, it will provide an opportunity to bring together interested parties to inform current and future initiatives.

The intention is to form a number of working groups with representation across arrangement types to explore these initiatives. Meetings will comprise of face to face meetings and teleconferences, with the first meeting to be scheduled in late November.

You can register your interest at (aa.canberra@agriculture.gov.au) and including your full name, contact details and arrangement type.

As a recognised industry association and NGO ICHCA invites and encourages you to register your interest in participating in the work that ICHCA is consulted on by various government agencies. To register your interest, please send us your brief resume and indicate your areas of interest (e.g. maritime regulations, verification of container weights, container packing standards etc.)

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Record September Delivers Long Beach Best Quarter in Port's History

With the best September in its 104-year history, the Port of Long Beach last month moved enough cargo volume to also achieve its busiest quarter, signaling a return to pre-recession trade levels.

Many of the popular Halloween and holiday items on U.S. store shelves were brought through the harbor in recent months. Retailers are stocking costumes, decorations and other goods in order to meet consumer demand.

Measured by individual containers of freight, cargo volume at the Port of Long Beach climbed 4.1% in September compared to the same period last year, to 655,624 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) of boxed cargo. The year's third quarter - July through September - topped 2 million TEUs in a first for the Port and improved 14.8% over the third quarter of 2014.

“In recent months, Long Beach has seen a robust return of once-diverted cargo,” said Port of Long Beach CEO, Jon Slingerup. “We greatly appreciate our shippers’ continued confidence in the Port of Long Beach.”

Through the first nine months of 2015 the Port has seen a 5% increase in cargo volume compared to the same period last year. At this rate, the Port would finish the year with more than 7 million TEUs for only the third time in its history - the last time was 2007. This year's third quarter saw 10.6% more imports and 10.5% more exports, compared to the third quarter of 2014. For September alone, imports dipped 1.9% compared to the same month last year, to 332,909 TEUs. Exports grew 6.1 percent to 125,639 TEUs. Empty containers rose 14.6% to 197,076 TEUs. With imports exceeding exports, empty containers are sent overseas to be refilled with goods.

With an ongoing, multibillion-dollar program to modernize its facilities, the Port of Long Beach continues to build the Port of the Future by investing in long-term, environmentally sustainable growth. For more details on the cargo numbers, please visit www.polb.com/stats.

SAFC Green Freight Initiative Launched



A new website aimed to provide easy access to ‘green freight’ information for SA’s \$8 billion a year transport and logistics industry has been unveiled. The site is designed to act as a conduit between the freight and logistics industry (and its customers), relevant environmental and sustainability resources, governments and the general public.

The website Sustainable Freight (www.sustainablefreight.com.au) was officially launched by the South Australian Freight Council (SAFC) at the inaugural national conference that also saw Senator Nick Xenophon and Minister for Cities and the Built Environment, Jamie Briggs present.

The new website reflects SAFC’s ongoing commitment to addressing environmental issues and promoting a “whole of chain” approach to the environment, across the transport and logistics industry and across the modes.

The SAFC acknowledges that the interaction, impact and relationship of transport and logistics with the environment is significant at a local, national and international level and cannot be ignored.

SAFC CEO, Neil Murphy, said “It is clear that the environment plays an increasing role in transport and logistics and that some concerted action needs to be taken within the freight industry”. As population and economic activity grows, so too does the freight task, and with it the impacts that freight has on the environment.

“As a result SAFC believes that the industry has a responsibility to become more sustainable and reduce those negative externalities. While there is much debate about the impacts the transport and logistics industry is having on the environment and whether these impacts can or should be mitigated, it is clear that

the environment is increasingly becoming part of the ongoing transport and logistics narrative and that proactive sustainability measures must be introduced,” Mr Murphy said.

SAFC’s Sustainable Supply Chains Management Team developed the Sustainable Freight website as a “one-stop shop” to support industry’s efforts to reduce their emissions by improving access to transport and logistics sustainability and environmental information and resources.

The website also hosts a suite of original resources designed to help companies of all shapes and sizes – from Mum and Dad operations to large multinational corporations across the entire supply chain – to reduce their emissions.

The site contains an array of case studies, policy and regulation guides, fact sheets, latest news and comments, multiple interactive carbon calculators and comparison tools for use throughout your supply chain, as well documents aimed at assisting companies to make environmentally based decisions such as the Decision Makers Guide, Perform an Environmental Benchmark, and the Emission Reductions on a Modest Budget documents.

In addition, Sustainable Freight promotes the industry’s green initiatives, and raises awareness of the role and importance of freight transport to the economy, with the aim of dispelling the ‘dirty’ image many perceive the transport and logistics industry to be.

Mr Murphy said, “There is a need to educate people about the industry and highlight some of the initiatives already being utilised by the industry to reduce overall emissions. We think some of our members deserve more credit and recognition for the ways in which they are integrating sustainability into their everyday business practices, especially as it is not always easily discernible when looking from the outside.”

The Sustainable Freight website can be accessed free of charge at www.sustainablefreight.com.au



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Queensland’s Exporters Recognised at Awards Ceremony

The depth and breadth of Queensland’s world class exporters was celebrated at the Premier of Queensland’s Export Awards. Narangba-based kangaroo leather processor Packer Leather, founded in 1891, was chosen as Queensland’s Exporter of the Year. The Premier of Queensland’s Export Awards, now in their 26th year, acknowledge the important contribution that Queensland’s exporting businesses make.

New DG Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning in Queensland

Mr Frankie Carroll has been appointed to the role of Director-General, Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning in Queensland. Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk said Mr Carroll was a highly regarded senior executive with experience in both private and public sectors and an exceptional leader. “His track record in undertaking the largest reconstruction program in the nation’s history has been impressive.”

Ms Palaszczuk said in his current role as Chief Executive Officer of the Queensland Reconstruction Authority he had been responsible for delivering a reconstruction program worth more than \$13 billion. “Prior to this role, he also provided the expertise and leadership to deliver major water infrastructure facilities as Chief Executive Officer of Queensland Water Infrastructure,” she said.

Ms Palaszczuk said Mr Carroll has a thorough understanding of Queensland’s infrastructure needs, having held senior executive roles with multiple industry disciplines spanning construction, finance and service organisations.



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