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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.

ICHCA Australia Ltd is proud to be part of the ICHCA International Ltd global network. To access past newsletters and other useful information go to the ICHCA Australia website at www.ichca-australia.com . We also have an ICHCA international website at www.ichca.com

To join ICHCA please contact Ian Lovell, Company Secretary of ICHCA Australia Ltd on ian.lovell@ichca.com or telephone 0400 708 182.

Season’s Greetings And Best Wishes To Our Members & Supporters

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Are You Missing Out On ICHCA Member Benefits?

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Based in the UK, ICHCA International operates through a series of autonomous national and regional chapters – including ICHCA Australia (see www.ichca-australia.com), ICHCA Japan and ICHCA Canarias/Africa (CARC), plus Correspondence and Working Groups. These provide a focal point for informing, educating, shaping, facilitating and sharing industry knowledge across the global cargo handling community.

Membership of ICHCA Australia Ltd means that members are also members of ICHCA International Ltd and can avail themselves of its services, participate in ICHCA's NGO initiatives and ISP ICHCA Technical Panel activities and connect to the ICHCA global network. Members can access the ICHCA International bi-monthly e-newsletter, bi-annual Technical Journal and technical reports and publications by going to www.ichca.com.

In 2015 ICHCA will be producing an ICHCA Members Directory that will be accessible on our web site(s). There will be two listings of participating members – one accessible to members and non-members that lists company names. The second is a Members Only Directory listing member organisations, profiles and full contact details. This will enable ICHCA members to better utilise the ICHCA International and regional/country networks.

ICHCA International's publications cover a diverse range of topics related to cargo handling safety, security, sustainability and efficiency, including explanatory guides to key pieces of international legislation. More than 90 ICHCA publications are available free to members, with many more currently under development. The latest technical reports include the IMDG Code International Briefing Pamphlet and An Illustrated Guide to Container Marking Codes ISP Briefing Paper.

Publications are complemented by the twice yearly ICHCA Technical Journal, with in-depth reports covering global cargo handling legislation and best practice, accidents/incidents and updates from ICHCA, its

members and partner organisations. Members also benefit from 15% discounts on all IMO and ILO publications, including the IMDG Code.

In Australia ICHCA's monthly e-newsletter Inside ICHCA reaches a wide audience and covers key topics of importance to the industry. It also provides members with an opportunity to publicise their newsworthy stories and advertise their services.

The well supported ICHCA Australia Luncheon program has expert speakers covering topics of major interest and offers excellent promotional and networking opportunities. ICHCA Australia also organises conferences and workshops such as the October 2014 Sustainable Supply Chain Solutions Conference that was held in Adelaide.

ICHCA Australia invites members to list their capabilities on our website (www.ichca-australia.com) and communicate with top decision-makers within the cargo handling industry through the ICHCA Australia membership network. Members can also access specialised news and information through the website's member's only section.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF BEING AN ICHCA MEMBER



ICHCA's hundreds of members worldwide span multiple cargo handling and supply chains in a wide variety of roles such as:

- International and National Governments involved in policy, strategy, regulation and operation
- Shippers, importers, exporters and cargo owners
- Sea, road, rail and air transport owners and operators
- Logistics service providers including freight forwarders
- Infrastructure investors, owners, operators and consultants
- Airports, sea ports, stevedores and cargo terminal operators
- Equipment and technology developers, designers and suppliers

- Finance, banking, insurance and risk management providers
- Research, education and training
- Consultants (e.g. environmental, engineering, economic, safety, security, information technology)
- Packaging, packing, materials handling, storage and distribution.

ICHCA values member participation in all its activities and encourages its members to suggest and actively participate in topics and events meaningful to them, their businesses and their customers.

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ICHCA Board Changes

At the recent ICHCA Australia Board meeting held on December 10th 2014 in Adelaide changes were made to Board members. Lee Hochberg tendered his resignation as he will be moving from Adelaide to Hervey Bay in Queensland in the new year. Along with a significantly increased workload Lee will find it difficult to attend meetings. The ICHCA Board paid tribute to Lee's contribution to ICHCA and the new perspectives he has provided as a Board member.

The ICHCA Board while sorry to see Lee resign was delighted to welcome Gary Campbell as a new Board member



Gary Campbell
**Senior Manager Government
Relations and External Affairs**

Gary has responsibilities for key strategic relationships and interactions with Government and key stakeholders. Part of that effort involves leading NQBP's response to regulatory review and strategic responses to environmental assessment and management as it applies to new major projects.

We look forward to Gary's contribution and welcome him 'aboard'.

News From ICHCA International

ISP Technical Panel 72nd Meeting in Liverpool



The International Safety Panel (ISP), ICHCA's Technical Panel, held its 72nd meeting in Liverpool in November. ISP 72 was hosted by Peel Ports and was the first panel meeting held under the leadership of new ISP Chair, Jan Boermans and Deputy, Bill Brassington. [Read the full post-meeting press release >](#)

A full report on ISP 72 and copies of presentations are now available to download in the Members' Area of our website. Please contact support@ichca.com if you need any assistance.

To see the full agenda and list of speakers visit, www.etches.com/ichca-isp72.

ISP 73 and Technical Seminar Scheduled for Las Palmas in March 2015

ISP 73 will take place on 9-10 March in Las Palmas, hosted by Las Palmas Port Foundation, which also manages ICHCA's Canaries and Africa Region Chapter (CARC). A Technical Seminar will also be arranged on 11 March, open to ICHCA members and non-members.

Our thanks go to [Port Authority of Las Palmas](#), [Las Palmas Port Foundation](#) and [OPCSA](#) for kindly agreeing to host and sponsor the March meeting. Further details and online registration will be available soon.

Current Challenges and Next Steps Discussed at Container Lashing and Securing Seminar

Delegates and speakers from nine countries assembled at the ECT Delta Terminal in Rotterdam on 10 December for ICHCA International's latest topical seminar, addressing lashing and securing of containers and the challenges the industry faces to make this an easier, more efficient and naturally safer operation.

ICHCA Technical Director, Richard Brough, has penned a report summarising key aspects of the speeches and debates, which can be viewed here >.

Our thanks go to ECT for hosting, to Bromma Conquip and German Lashing as sponsors and of course to all the speakers without whose time and expertise our seminars would not be possible.

If you did not attend but would like to purchase the papers, or if you need a website password reminder, please contact the secretariat at support@ichca.com.



CTU Packing and Container Weighing Roadshows to Roll Out Across Europe and North America in 2015

Following the successful CTU Packing Roadshow held in Harwich earlier this year, the series is being rolled out in 2015 and beyond. The next event takes place in Hull on 17 February, kindly hosted by ABP at its Riverside House HQ. This will be followed by other UK locations, plus Germany, USA and Canada. These educational one-day events give details of the new IMO/ILO/UNECE CTU Packing Code and how to comply and will also now incorporate discussion on compliance with upcoming IMO legislation on verification of container weights.

Balancing Safety, Productivity and Efficiency Along the Container Handling Chain – ICHCA Conference 2015

How can the container ports, shipping and inland transport sectors achieve the levels of productivity and efficiency required today, while maintaining and improving safety? With the influx of larger vessels on primary and secondary deep-sea routes putting great pressure on ports and the rest of the intermodal transport chain, this question will be at the heart of a two-day ICHCA International conference, scheduled to take place in September/October 2015 at a major Mediterranean port.

Further details will be announced in the New Year. Anyone interested to take part as a speaker or sponsor is invited to contact the secretariat at support@ichca.com

South African Technical Seminar in 2015

ICHCA International is working with our member [South African Maritime Safety Authority \(SAMSA\)](#) to organise a Technical Seminar in South Africa next April/May. The two-day seminar, which will also be supported by ICHCA member [Bidfreight Port Operations](#) – one of the country's largest providers of in-port logistics – will address a range of topical issues including container weighing, CTU packing and container lashing and securing.

The seminar will be open to ICHCA members and non-members. Further details to be announced soon. If you are interested in attending as a delegate, speaker or sponsor, please contact us at support@ichca.com.

New Editions of IMDG Code and Container Marking Briefing Pamphlets Available

ICHCA has just released updated editions of two papers in its Briefing Pamphlets series: BP #25, An Illustrated Guide to Container Marking Codes and BP #3 on The International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code.

Written by Michael T. Bohlman, President of Knows Maritime LLC, BP #25 details various container size and type codes found in ISO Standard 6346, Series 1 Containers – Coding, Identification and Marking. The briefing pamphlet provides practical advice on how shippers, carriers and other operators can comply with the mandatory coding.

The release of the 8th edition of BP #3 comes at a crucial time, with Amendment 37-14 to IMO's IMDG Code coming into force on 1 January 2015. The paper provides a detailed summary of the updated IMDG Code and offers practical usage and compliance advice for everyone involved in managing packaged dangerous goods.

Both BP #3 and BP #25 are free to download for members from the secure area of ICHCA's website. Simply log in with your unique details, click Members' Downloads on the left-hand menu and access the documents in the Briefing Pamphlets folder. If you have any problems, please contact:

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The two Briefing Pamphlets are also available to purchase by non-members for £35. Contact support@ichca.com for more details.



ICHCA Joins SEA TERMINALS Project

We are delighted to announce that ICHCA International has joined the Stakeholders' Interest Group (SIG) of the new EU Smart, Energy Efficient and Adaptive Port Terminals (SEA TERMINALS) Project. The invitation to join the SIG came from ICHCA International member Noatum Ports, which is heavily involved in the new initiative.

The SIG aims to generate a network of ports, container terminals, manufacturers, energy suppliers and other relevant organisations to foster sustainability and energy efficiency in European port operations. The project is co-financed by the European Union through the TEN-T programme, with the Valenciaport Foundation as co-ordinator. Other partners include the Baltic Ports Organisation, Port Authority of Livorno,

Global Service, Percro, Noatum, Amplia Soluciones, Instituto Tecnológico de la Energía, Terberg, NACCO/Hyster and EDAE.

As a result of our new partnership with the SEA TERMINALS project, ICHCA members can attend numerous conferences and events that the project will organise during 2015, including two demonstration days of eco-efficient port machinery prototypes in the ports of Valencia and Livorno.

For further information, please contact Jorge Martín Díaz de Espada, HSS&P Manager, Noatum Ports & Maritime at jmartin@noatum.com.

An introductory document on the Project is also available in the Members' Area of our website >

A report from the Baltic Ports Organisation on the recent kick-off meeting can also be accessed here >

TT Club Releases Latest Edition of TT Talk

ICHCA premium member TT Club has released the latest issue of TT Talk, its regular newsletter providing current information on legal and risk issues impacting the transport and logistics sector.

The new edition contains articles on container inspection and maintenance, lashing and securing (coinciding with ICHCA's recent seminar on this topic) and mis-release of shipments.

[Find out more on TT Club's website >](#)

Don't forget to add ICHCA to your mailing list so we can post and tweet your news.

Contact us at support@ichca.com



Premium Members

Cost Recovery Task Force Seeks ICHCA's Comments

ICHCA Australia is a recognised NGO and a member of the Department of Agriculture Cargo Consultative Committee. In that capacity, ICHCA has been invited to comment on work being conducted by the Department of Agriculture, that is working with the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service on the Joint review of border fees, charges and taxes. This is being conducted in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture Review of imports and exports cost recovery arrangements.

ICHCA has participated in earlier rounds of discussions on the Joint Review. As a result of these discussions and stakeholder submissions to the Joint Review, a series of position papers have been developed on various fees, charges and taxes. These position papers are now available publicly on the Customs' Joint border review website.

Position papers that relate to fees and charges that are applicable to Department of Agriculture clients include:

- Low value good consignments
- High value good consignments
- Differentiated traveller facilitation services.

Other position papers that have been developed include:

- Broker, depot and warehouse licensing
- Passenger Movement Charge.

The Cost Recovery Taskforce is happy to discuss any aspect of the review or position papers with ICHCA members. If you have any questions or would like to provide feedback please do not hesitate to contact costrecovery@agriculture.gov.au.

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Information Sessions on Emissions Reduction Fund

The Carbon Market Institute (CMI) is holding a series of information sessions on the Emissions Reduction Fund (ERF) to help understand how the fund will operate, the opportunities available and how to participate. Each session will include an overview of the ERF with an expert panel of speakers from industry, the Department of the Environment, the Clean Energy Regulator and AusIndustry which will participate in a Q&A session.

Information sessions will be held in a number of capital and regional city locations. Register online at <http://www.carbonmarketinstitute.org/events/erf> information sessions.

- **Adelaide** – Monday, 9 February: 9.30 am to 12.00 pm.
- **Perth** – Tuesday, 10 February: 9.00 am to 12.00 pm.
- **Hobart** – Monday, 16 February: 10.00 am to 12.00 pm.
- **Melbourne** – Wednesday, 17 February: 3.00 pm to 5.30 pm.
- **Bendigo** – Tuesday, 18 February: 10.00 am to 12.00 pm.
- **Sydney** – Monday, 23 February: 10.30 am to 12.30 pm.

Perth Freight Link Construction Set to Start in 2016

The WA Government will deliver on its commitment to remove heavy trucks off Leach Highway with construction of WA's largest road infrastructure project - the Perth Freight Link scheduled to start in early 2016.

Premier Colin Barnett said the State Government would invest \$650 million towards the \$1.575 billion project, which will remove up to 500 trucks a day from Leach Highway and provide a more efficient and direct freight line to Fremantle Port. The Federal Government has already committed \$925 million to the Perth Freight Link.

A Heavy Vehicle User Charge - a per kilometre charge on heavy vehicles only for the freight route between Muchea and Fremantle - is planned to start once the road is finished and eventually recoup part of the cost.

The Perth Freight Link will complete the strategic link in Perth's road network by creating an east-west freight connection between Kewdale, Fremantle Port and southern industrial areas.



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ACCC Seeks Views on Regulation at Victorian Wheat Port Terminals

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) is seeking views on whether to reduce regulation at Victorian wheat port terminals under the new mandatory code on bulk wheat terminal access. The code started on 30 September 2014 replacing the previous access undertakings regime administered by the ACCC. The code regulates bulk wheat port terminal operators to ensure that exporters have fair and transparent access to terminal facilities. It allows for regulation to be reduced at ports where appropriate.

The ACCC may exempt a port terminal service provider from certain provisions of the Code in relation to a specific port terminal facility.

The ACCC is now assessing exemption applications for port facilities located in Victoria where the Code currently applies to established facilities which are controlled by different operators. The ACCC will conduct these assessments at the same time as the facilities are located in similar geographic regions and may compete with each other.

The ports under assessment are:

- GrainCorp's bulk wheat port terminals at Geelong and Portland
- Emerald bulk wheat terminal at the Port of Melbourne.

The ACCC's Issues Paper outlines GrainCorp and Emerald's exemption applications and seeks public submissions in response to questions in the paper. The closing date for submissions is Friday 30 January 2015. The Issues Paper and other relevant documents are available at: Victorian wheat ports exemption assessments

Improved Efficiency for Newcastle Coal Export Port

Efficiency and productivity will be improved along the coal industry supply chain with the completion of the Hexham Relief Roads Project. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, Warren Truss, said that five new relief railway tracks had been completed on time and under budget.

"The new tracks will reduce congestion of coal trains travelling into the world's largest coal export port," Mr Truss said. "Operations staff will now have more options to re-sequence trains and manage train movements in the event of coal chain breakdowns or delays which will significantly increase network reliability."

Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Rail Track Corporation, John Fullerton, said each track would be just over two kilometres in length and hold trains with two or three locomotives, up to 92 wagons.

Drier Conditions Weaken Winter Crop Production

Drier than average seasonal conditions during winter and spring have weakened prospects for total Australian winter crop production, despite favourable conditions at the start of the 2014–15 winter crop season. ABARES Executive Director, Karen Schneider, said winter crop production in 2014–15 is forecast to fall in all the major producing states, compared with production in 2013–14.

"Among the hardest hit, winter crop production in Victoria is forecast to fall by 28% and in Queensland by 15% on 2013–14 levels," Ms Schneider said. "Large falls are also forecast in Western Australia (20%) and South Australia (14%). However, the expected falls in these states are from well above average levels of production in 2013–14. Winter crop production in NSW is forecast to fall by 1% on production levels in 2013–14.

"Despite a forecast decline of 16% in 2014–15 (to 37 million tonnes), total winter crop production is expected to be about 4% higher than the average over the 10 years to 2012/13," Ms Schneider said.

To view the December edition of Australian Crop Report visit agriculture.gov.au/abares/publications.

Government to Examine Moorebank Development Proposal

The Government has welcomed a submission from the Moorebank Intermodal Company outlining its proposed approach for developing the Moorebank Intermodal Terminal. Moorebank has been identified as a priority location for a freight terminal development since 2004. This site connects key road and rail networks with major freight markets in Australia and around the world.

The proposal put forward by the Moorebank Intermodal Company suggests a joint precinct, encompassing the Commonwealth's former School of Military Engineering site and the adjoining land owned by the Sydney Intermodal Terminal Alliance, a consortium comprised of Qube Holdings and Aurizon Holdings.

The proposal is the result of direct negotiations between Moorebank Intermodal Company and the Sydney Intermodal Terminal Alliance, following an expression of interest process. The joint precinct would be developed by the Sydney Intermodal Terminal Alliance and include an import-export freight terminal connected by rail to Port Botany, with capacity for 1.05 million containers a year, and an interstate freight terminal with capacity for 500,000 containers a year. Both facilities will provide open access, to maximise competition.

Repeal of Ineffectual Heavy Vehicle Devices

The Australian Government has removed more regulatory red tape for heavy vehicle operators registered under the Federal Interstate Registration Scheme. Regulations requiring B-double trucks to be fitted with additional spray suppression devices around their wheel arches, has been deemed to be unnecessary and failing to align with laws applying to state registered vehicles.

The government said that these devices had been found to be ineffectual in reducing tyre spray on wet roads, but impose a significant cost on truck operators who have to fit and maintain them.

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