Press Release.

New Equipment Code Standard Coming Soon

The IICL is taking a fresh look at component, damage, and repair codes! In 2003 the IICL issued the "Electronic Data Interchange Standards – EDIS" with the preferred electronic data interchange codes that reduced and provided guidance on the ISO/CEDEX codes used during container inspections to create repair estimates, report equipment condition, and later perform data analysis.

The IICL Technology Committee is now working on improving and simplifying the codes.   The IICL performed an analysis of codes that have been used by the container depot network and concluded that the current processes can be improved and simplified. The ISO/CEDEX codes are used to create repair estimates but equally important, to provide analytical data that allows equipment owners to identify frequently damaged components, location, and damage type.

According to the IICL Director of Technical Services, Luiz Goncalves, too much information is not necessarily a good thing, consistency and objectivity are the important factors. The codes are used worldwide by inspectors that speak different languages and have different backgrounds. As an example, we currently have two damage codes representing "bent" and "dented" and multiple associated combinations while we can choose to use only one of these codes to represent both conditions with more consistency and without compromising the analysis of data. Our goal is to improve accuracy by simplifying the process for container inspectors.

The IICL project is called "**IICL- ECS"** that stands for "**Equipment Code Standard**". A working group has spent several months working on the project and the 1st Phase of the new codes are expected to be released within the next few months. As part of Phase 1, the IICL will release the valid code combinations linking the components to the respective valid damage types. The integration of repair codes into the possible allowed combinations will be released at a later stage.

Efforts to streamline the use of ISO/CEDEX code sets are not new, but over time, little progress was made by the industry to achieve this end until a Container Owners Association's meeting, which took place in Hamburg in November 2019, when a Group of interested Industry Stakeholders formed a working group. The task was undertaken by the managers of two leading Hamburg container depots – Dr Roland Karnbach (Hamburg Container Services) and Tony Jakat (Hamburg Container and Chassis Repair). In addition, Survey Compass – an IT service provider for the container industry – co-operated with HCCR to undertake the project. The IICL followed the approach and is developing the Equipment Code standards for the leasing sector.

According to Luiz Goncalves, releasing Phase 1 of the project will allow the IICL to receive the input from depots and other users while working on the incorporation of the repair codes into the mix.

The IICL team and its members see this large project as an important opportunity to improve container equipment management for all stakeholders in the industry.

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