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Press Release / Technical Alert: Damage to interior panels on refrigerated containers.

Purpose: Provide a warning to container users of extensive damage being caused to refrigerated containers.

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The IICL's container members have noted instances of extensive contamination to the interior High Grade Stainless Steel panels on refrigerated containers recently returned from service.

The containers presenting such conditions are from all members, were built by all manufacturers, and are of all ages. Members are also concerned about potential damage to the refrigeration machinery, container flooring and all other internal components. Current indications point to the disinfecting process in China due to COVID-19 protocols as the source of this contamination and damage.

The IICL and its members urge users of refrigerated containers to actively investigate the causes of this damage and quickly develop protocols to mitigate the impacts.

The IICL is working to gather more information. Container users are urged to share any information regarding this situation so that the industry can work together towards avoiding this contamination and resulting damage.

The IICL will continue investigations and will keep the industry informed as to further developments.

About the IICL.

Organized in 1971, the IICL is a trade association, representing lessors of maritime containers and intermodal chassis. Its member companies, Beacon Intermodal, CAI, Direct ChassisLink, FlexiVan, Seaco Global, SeaCube Container, Textainer, TOUAX, TRAC Intermodal, and Triton International Limited, own or manage a significant portion of the global leased container and U.S. chassis fleets.

The IICL is active in technological, educational, safety, environmental, governmental, regulatory, and security issues. Complementing its widely accepted industry standards and best practices, the IICL offers its inspector certification examinations for containers and chassis in more than 5,000 locations around the world, supported by publications, tools and courses.