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IICL Newsletter

*A Smooth Sea
Never Made a
Skillful Sailor.*

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.

Brian Sondey of Triton International is the current IICL Chairman

Mr. Brian M. Sondey, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Triton International Limited was elected to the position of Chairman of the IICL for 2022, succeeding Robert F. Sappio, Chief Executive Officer, SeaCube Container Leasing Ltd. The IICL's Board also elected William J. Shea Jr., Chief Executive Officer, Direct ChassisLink Inc., as IICL First Vice President; Olivier Ghesquiere, President and Chief Executive Officer of Textainer Equipment Management (U.S.) Ltd.; as IICL Second Vice President; and Daniel Walsh, President and Chief Executive Officer of TRAC Intermodal, as IICL Treasurer. The past Chairman, Robert F. Sappio, Chief Executive Officer, SeaCube Container Leasing Ltd., also agreed to continue working with the IICL Executive Committee for another year.



“The supply chain was in the mainstream news in 2021 more than ever before. IICL members worked hard during the pandemic to provide equipment to our customers during a time of extreme supply and demand challenges. We expect 2022 to continue to stress the supply chain, while we and our business partners work together in a very dynamic marketplace,” said Mr. Sondey.

Lombardi celebrates 1st Year as IICL President



Dennis Lombardi celebrates his 1st year as President of the Institute of International Container Lessors and is excited to have several important projects in the pipeline. During the past months, the IICL has been very active in several governmental, regulatory, educational, technological and environmental matters that impact our industry.

IICL released the final draft of the Dry Van Equipment Code Standards (ECS)

After 10 months and review of data from millions of off hire transactions at hundreds of depots around the world, the IICL Work Group formed by technical experts from Asia, Europe and Americas released the final draft of the ISO codes and its valid combinations this past March. The IICL is again in the process of gathering input from industry stakeholders before the final document is released.

The IICL WG compiled, component, damage and repair codes in a simple format that will facilitate the implementation and import of data into local systems. The main objectives of the project are to simplify and optimize ISO code combinations to improve efficiencies for estimators and analytical purposes were achieved. According to Luiz Gonçalves, IICL Director of Technical Services, initially the WG was dealing with over 32,000 possible code combinations and ended the study with approx. 1850 valid combinations. The ECS project was developed for use during equipment interchange and IICL members will work with their depot network to implement the ECS throughout the remainder of 2022.

Chassis Code Standards (CCS) Projected Kicked Off in February 2022

Working with the IICL Chassis Provider members the IICL is currently working with a newly formed work group reviewing current ISO/CEDEX codes to simplify and optimize the number of codes being used in the industry. The project is expected to continue through the rest of 2022.

IICL Exams – Reasons to become certified, Exam Simulators, Exams now in 3 languages

Why Become a Certified Container Inspector and what are the preparation steps to attend the Exams? The IICL recently sent out a circular email message to all subscribers addressing the importance and benefits of becoming an IICL certified inspector. If you missed the article, you could view it here:

https://www.iicl.org/iiclforms/assets/File/public/news/2022/Why_Become_an_IICL_Certified_Inspector.pdf

What are the types of questions that candidates should expect during the exams?
 On April 11th, the IICL launched two exam simulators that anyone can download to test their knowledge of inspection and repairs on containers dry and refrigerated.
 You can read more about the simulators here:

<https://www.iicl.org/iiclforms/assets/File/public/news/2022/IICL-Launches-Test-Simulator-041122.pdf>

And you can download the simulators from our website using the link provided here:

<https://www.iicl.org/iiclforms/assets/File/public/news/2022/IICL-Launches-Test-Simulator-041122.pdf>

Good luck and try again if you do not pass at the first round!

Chinese version of the Dry van and the Refrigerated container Exams for inspectors' certification are now available. Despite the challenges still imposed by COVID restrictions in many parts of the world, the IICL has seen a significant increase in number of candidates registering for exams. IICL exams for dry van and refrigerated containers are now offered in 3 languages.

The IICL recognized the contribution of collaborators that assisted with the translation of our exams to Chinese and Spanish by awarding a plaque to the contributors.

Thanks, David Tan, Huan Ming Lin and Marcello Goncalves for your contribution!



David Tan

Huan Ming Lin

Marcello Goncalves

IICL continues to receive inquiries about our face-to-face training classes. The IICL is considering using a digital platform to resume classes. Stay tuned.

How to Measure Project

The IICL recently kicked off the development of a project named “How to Measure”. The project was envisioned two years ago, however, COVID, and then the shortage of containers at depots delayed the execution of the project. Peter Brandon from Textainer suggested to use 3D rendering technology instead of live action filming to develop the project. The proposal was approved by IICL Directors.

The execution of the project was awarded to TV Worldwide and the development phase has just started. All container dimensions including inspection tools dimensions are entered into the software to create realistic scenes of inspectors showing how to properly measure damage on containers. Approximately 68 different types of damages are scheduled to be part of the project. Measurement techniques have evolved specially after the introduction of the IICL Inspection Guide 6th edition. The prototype created for this project and posted on youtube.com without any advertisement already has over 6,200 views in the last 3 years.

Longtime TRAC Intermodal Exec Retires



After more than four decades at TRAC Intermodal, Jim Bowe is retiring as chief commercial officer, effective March 28, and the Princeton company has named Jake Gilene as his successor, effective immediately.

Since Bowe became chief commercial officer in 2018, TRAC — a marine chassis pool manager and equipment provider — has achieved record business growth, the company said in his retirement announcement. Before serving in the commercial division, Bowe also served in senior management roles in customer service and operations.

“To our customers, Jim has been the face of TRAC in North America and around the world for many years and our organization has greatly benefitted from his leadership and the lasting customer relationships he has built during his tenure,” Daniel Walsh, TRAC president and CEO said in a statement. “Jake’s well-rounded background in logistics, sales and customer service makes him an ideal choice as our next chief commercial officer. TRAC has a proud history of best-in-class customer relationships, and we are excited to have Jake leading those efforts.”

Farwell to Steve Blust



The IICL offers our special thanks to Steve Blust who joined the IICL as the President in 2006 and worked last year as special advisor during the transition with Dennis Lombardi.

Steve, we wish you fair winds and following seas.

An Old Colleague and Friend is retiring – Congratulations Mike Baldwin

Another successful Chapter Completed.



Measuring bows to rails: the inspector measures distance from reference line to point of maximum deflection in a flat-bar top side rail. In the case of bows, the reference line must be extended across the full length of the rail. See Section 4.2.3.

Some of you have seen Mike on past IICL manuals as he has always been a remarkable supporter of the IICL and industry developments. After several years of contribution to our industry (besides many others) and leading the largest container depot chain in the Americas, ConGlobal Industries, Mike is now retiring and dedicating more time to playing golf and other activities that he has always enjoyed. The IICL is grateful for having Mike's steady support along the way.

Mike, the IICL wishes you continued success and happiness in this next phase of your life. Thanks for being a great supper of the IICL and our industry.

E-Manuals Available Soon

The IICL is now offering E-manuals of its Publications and Manuals for sale to its member companies. This is part of a two-step plan to offer our collection of manuals first to our member companies and then to the public at large. To ensure copyrights, manuals are protected by proprietary software and can only be accessed by the assigned user, some features like printing are disabled. Are you interested in acquiring E-Manuals that can be loaded onto computers, tablets and phones?

UHK Scholarship Awarded

The IICL awarded the first of three Scholarships for 2022. Mr. Mr. YANG Liqi (MSc(Eng)(IELM) I) of the University of Hong Kong (UHK) was provided an academic donation in the amount of \$2,500 for the academic year of 2021-22. Mr. Mr. YANG Liqi is enrolled at UHK in the Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering Department and is pursuing a master's degree in Industrial Engineering and Logistics Management at UHK. The IICL is proud to support the next generation of leaders in our industry.