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## IICL Newsletter

*A rough day at  
sea is better  
than any day  
in the office.*

*Unknown*

This second Newsletter of 2023 is an attempt to offer shorten articles and provide more details via links to expanded news sources.

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

### *Did you know that.....*

- ✚ Our “How to Measure” short movies already have more than 40 animated demonstrations? Click here to learn how to properly measure damages.....  
[how-to-measure-3d.pdf \(iicl.org\)](#)
- ✚ ISO-CEDEX codes, have you seen and downloaded the IICL equipment code standards for dry van and open top containers from our web site, click here.....  
[IICL ECS-27-June-2023.xlsx \(live.com\)](#)
- ✚ We are currently developing the code standards for refrigerated containers. Weekly meetings with a workgroup of experts and thousands of data points to assist in decision making.
- ✚ The IICL is working with Intermodal Chassis members developing ISO-CEDEX standards for chassis? Stay tuned for more updates. Just concluded trip to a chassis facility in Chicago where we took more than 700 photos of chassis components. You will see the outcome soon.
- ✚ Yes, you can now “carry” all our manuals in digital format in your computer, phone, or tablet, learn more, click here..... [Digital Manuals - The Institute of International Container Lessors \(iicl.org\)](#)
- ✚ The number of IICL inspectors’ certifications for dry vans and refrigerated containers is growing fast, do you have yours already? What is your level? How many stars do you have on your certificate? Find out more information here..... [IICL Inspector Recognition Program - The Institute of International Container Lessors](#)
- ✚ Have technical questions? Ask [technical@iicl.org](mailto:technical@iicl.org)
- ✚ Have questions about courses and certifications? Ask [info@iicl.org](mailto:info@iicl.org)



Pictured above is Harry Nakao (front row center) and his delegation.

IICL management met with Mr. Harumi (Harry) Nakao of EFI International and his delegation at the Intermodal in Amsterdam this past October to exchange ideas about expanding the number of certified IICL Inspectors in Japan. Among Harry's associates is a triple certified IICL Inspector, having passed certification exams in Dry Van, Reefer and Chassis.

EF International (headquartered in Yokohama, Japan; Harumi Nakao, President) has announced that Masaki Nakatsu, Manager of its Quality Control Department, has been certified as an inspector of containers and chassis by the Institute of International Container Lessors (IICL), a global organization for the container leasing industry.

In addition to the IICL's dry container inspector certification, Manager Nakatsu was the first in Japan to be certified as a reefer container inspector.

Including his chassis-related certification, he has acquired all three inspector certifications recognized by the IICL.

EF International is the exclusive distributor in Japan for MIRAI HITEC, a Korean manufacturer specializing in semi-trailers. In addition to sales, the company also handles pre-inspections for vehicle inspections.

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## Meet the IICL Staff

Dennis  
Lombardi.  
President



Dennis is currently the President of the Institute of International Container Lessors (IICL).

An industry veteran, Dennis spent most of his 43-year career in various maritime related operational and business roles, including 30+ years at the Port Authority of NY/NJ. He served as Deputy Director, Port Commerce, where he ran day-to-day operations for the department and oversaw extensive capital investments.

Upon retiring from the Port Authority, Mr. Lombardi spent the next five years on the executive leadership team of Romark Logistics, a third-party logistics company that specializes in cold chain, trucking, and warehousing. Prior to joining the IICL, consulted and worked with Global Logistics Development Partners, serving as an advisor on maritime logistics opportunities.

Dennis holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Baruch College and a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Transportation from the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

Dennis is also a Director on the Board of the Maritime Association of the Port of NY & NJ.

Luiz F.  
Goncalves.  
Director,  
Technical  
Services.



Mr. Goncalves carries a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering, started his professional career in 1980 as technical manager for a container depot in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Two years later joined Unicon International, the 1<sup>st</sup> global container inspection company, in the year 2000 relocated to Unicon's headquarter in San Francisco, California, as Global VP of Operations.

He joined the leasing company Florens Container Services in the end of 2001 in the capacity of Vice President Technical and Operations based in San Francisco, California. He then worked with Seaco Global for 2 years before joining the IICL in April 2018.

Mr. Goncalves works closely with the IICL Technical Committee as well as providing assistance to the other committees within the IICL association and external workgroups.

Eliseo  
Mena Jr.  
Director of  
Marketing  
and Admin  
Services



Eliseo Mena currently serves as the Director of Marketing and Administrative Services for the Institute of International Container Lessors (IICL). He joined the IICL in 2005 after serving 12 years in the United States Army as a Senior Human Resources Non-Commissioned Officer.

While in the Army Mr. Mena served under various commands including the 3rd Infantry Division in Fort Stewart, Georgia; the 1<sup>st</sup> Personnel Command (1<sup>st</sup> PERSCOM) in Heidelberg, Germany managing the strengths and soldier operational moves for the entire European Command and transportation divisions, Non-commissioned Officer in charge of the Special Projects Team in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF); and The United States Military Academy in West Point, NY as the Battalion Adjutant of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Regiment.

He also deployed to combat zones in Kosovo, tasked to run the casualty reporting team and to Incirlik Air Force Base in Adana, Turkey where he served as the Liaison in support of Operation NORTHERN WATCH.

Eliseo holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Maryland and a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA), also from the University of Maryland.

*The IICL Team wishes you and your family a  
healthy and peaceful Holiday Season.*



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