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**AMENDMENT TO THE GUIDE FOR
CONTAINER EQUIPMENT INSPECTION,
FIFTH EDITION**

**PURPOSE OF THIS
AMENDMENT**

IICL has issued this *Technical Bulletin G5* in order to revise the *Guide for Container Equipment Inspection*, Fifth Edition (“IICL-5”), in conformance with the *General Guide for Container Cleaning*, Second Edition, published in June 2000. The criteria relating to cleanliness currently included in IICL-5 have been superseded by the cleanliness criteria in the second edition of the *Cleaning Guide*.

Both the second edition of the *Cleaning Guide* and this *Technical Bulletin G5* are published solely by IICL and have not been endorsed by the International Chamber of Shipping.

**BACKGROUND OF
CLEANING GUIDE,
SECOND EDITION**

The primary objectives of the second edition of the *Cleaning Guide* are to

- Provide a container that meets shipper and lessee acceptability.
- Ensure that cargo appropriate to each type of container is not damaged due to the condition of the container.

The second edition of the *Cleaning Guide* takes a new approach in recommending whether or not the condition of a container requires cleaning. Instead of presenting all cleanliness inspection criteria in one table, the second edition of the *Cleaning Guide* uses color photographs to illustrate typical conditions, some of which would be acceptable to shippers or lessees and would not require cleaning, and others which would not be acceptable and *would* require cleaning. For each condition depicted, IICL identifies the component and conditions shown, recommends the action required (if any), and (when cleaning is recommended) refers the reader to the appropriate section of the *Guide* describing the cleaning method in greater detail.

The photos show incremental levels of the same conditions, to assist inspectors in making the distinction between those conditions that require cleaning and those that do not. Readers can compare unclean conditions found during a container inspection with the photograph(s) that most closely resemble those conditions.

Another difference between the second edition of the *Cleaning Guide* and the previous criteria is the inclusion of open-top and refrigerated container cleanliness criteria. The color photos are divided into two sections, one for dry-vans and open-tops, and the other for reefers. Each photo in the dry-van/open-top section includes two separate recommendations, one for dry-vans and the other for open-tops.

**DESCRIPTION OF
TECHNICAL BULLETIN G5
AMENDMENTS**

The following pages of the *Guide for Container Equipment Inspection*, Fifth Edition, require correction as specified below:

- ALL photographs and captions on page 36 illustrating cleanliness damage conditions: superseded by the second edition of the *Cleaning Guide*.
- ALL of Table 5.8—Cleanliness Inspection Criteria, page 37: superseded by the second edition of the *Cleaning Guide*.

- Criteria for the first two components listed in Table 5.9—Miscellaneous Inspection Criteria, page 39, “Painted surfaces” and “Interior floor surfaces”: superseded by the second edition of the Cleaning Guide.
- Table of Contents: corrections to listings of Tables 5.8 and 5.9 to indicate that they have been amended by Technical Bulletin G5.
- Pocket Edition of the Inspection Tables: Tables 5.8 and 5.9 amended as described above.

The photographs on page 38 illustrating miscellaneous damage conditions (including torn labels) are *not* amended.

HOW TO CORRECT YOUR INSPECTION GUIDE AND POCKET EDITION

Self-adhesive correction strips to paste over the relevant portions of your *Guide for Container Equipment Inspection*, Fifth Edition, and *Pocket Edition of the Container Inspection Tables* can be purchased from IICL for \$12 (USA/Canada) and \$13 (elsewhere). The strips advise the reader that portions of IICL-5 and the Pocket Edition have been superseded by the second edition of the Cleaning Guide.

If you do not wish to purchase these correction strips, you may correct your copy of IICL-5 by crossing out the relevant portions according to the following instructions:

- Page 36: cross out ALL photos and captions.
- Page 37: cross out ALL of Table 5.8.
- Page 39: cross out the criteria for the **first two** components in Table 5.9. Cross out:
Painted surfaces | Text under “Condition” | Text under “Action Required”
Interior floor surfaces | Text under “Condition” | Text under “Action Required”
- Cover or title page: for your future reference, write “Revised by Technical Bulletin G5”.
- Pocket Edition: cross out ALL of Table 5.8. In Table 5.9, cross out the criteria for the **first two** components. Cross out:
Painted surfaces | Text under “Condition” | Text under “Action Required”
Interior floor surfaces | Text under “Condition” | Text under “Action Required”
- For your future reference, make sure to note that the crossed-out portions in your copy of IICL-5 are superseded by the *General Guide for Container Cleaning*, Second Edition.

PURCHASING THE CLEANING GUIDE

The *General Guide for Container Cleaning*, Second Edition, can be purchased directly from IICL’s website at www.iicl.org. For more information, contact IICL (see contact information below).

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