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1 | WELCOME

Dear Member,

It is with great pleasure that, on behalf of the Board of Directors, we welcome you to ICHCA International Ltd. The Board is determined that the organisation continues to pursue the interests of its members and of the cargo handling world at large. To this end, we participate at international meetings and get involved in various projects that impact the industry. Our NGO (non- governmental organisation in consultation with UN bodies) status allows us to have input into International Regulations and Standards, and our Technical Advisory Service can answer any question you may have. We encourage you to get involved and utilise the many services and benefits of being a member of ICHCA.

We keep members informed via our multiple communications channels. Members are issued with a bi-monthly newsletter, Inside ICHCA International, which includes items such as event news, reports from meetings, news from ICHCA's Chapters, international measures introduced, standards published and items thought to be of particular interest to members. We are also very active on social media and we would like to encourage you to take the opportunity to follow us on LinkedIn, Twitter and Facebook.

Members receive access to our entire catalogue of Publications which are produced in order to inform, consult and generally advise on topical issues. To download these, plus other member-only documents including event presentations, create your member account on the ICHCA website and you will then gain access to the ICHCA Member Area. New Publications are produced and published on a rolling basis.

We look forward to meeting you at an ICHCA event very soon and if you have any queries, suggestions or concerns at any time please do not hesitate to contact us.

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3 | ICHCA TECHNICAL PANEL

Known for many years as the International Safety Panel (ISP), and then the ITP, ICHCA's Technical Panel represents a formidable body of expertise in cargo handling safety, legislation and operational best practice. The Panel brings together experienced practitioners, legislators, consultants and other interested parties to debate and develop good practice in cargo handling worldwide. Panel membership is strictly by invitation/approval of the ITP Steering Group, based on each individual member's personal credentials, knowledge and experience in their particular field of expertise.

The Panel convenes at least twice a year for a 1-2 day meeting in various parts of the world to discuss key industry challenges, share information and agree initiatives and positions on a wide range of safety, operational and regulatory issues. Since its formation in 1991, the Panel has convened over 80 times in more than 25 locations worldwide. Technical Panel meetings are open to Panel members and invited guests only; ICHCA members are always welcome to attend as observers.

As well as authoring publications and guidelines, the Technical Panel plays a crucial role in ICHCA's NGO liaison and lobbying work at IMO, ILO, ISO, UNECE and other regulatory bodies. In addition, the ITP from time to time establishes focussed working groups on topical and important issues. ICHCA members can view Technical Panel meeting reports, documents and presentations on the ICHCA website.

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4 | PUBLICATIONS

ICHCA International has developed an extensive range of specialist publications on best practice in cargo handling operations and related activities. With more than 90 documents covering health and safety guidance, technical and operational practicalities, regulatory requirements and more, the ICHCA library represents a valuable repository of cargo handling expertise.

Ranging across health, safety, technical, operational, regulatory, security and environmental issues, ICHCA's authoritative cargo handling publications are researched and compiled by the Technical Panel, in cooperation with our Technical Advisor and other qualified partners. ICHCA has also developed joint publications with TT Club, the Port Equipment Manufacturers Association (PEMA) and the Lifting Equipment Engineers Association (LEEAA), among others.



Download the Publications Catalogue here:

<http://ichca.com/download/ichca-publications-directory>

ICHCA Members can download all ICHCA Publications here:

<http://ichca.com/publications>

ICHCA Members also benefit from 15% discount off all IMO publications.

5 | MEMBERS AREA

Current lists of ICHCA members, which are drawn from a wide cross spectrum from the global industry can be found at <https://ichca.com/member-type/corporate>

Activate your account

Create an online account to gain access to the Members Area and all ICHCA Publications.

Go to: <http://www.ichca.com/subscribe>

Forgotten your password?

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6 | NGO ACTIVITY

ICHCA's privileged NGO (non-governmental organisation) status at IMO, ILO, ISO, UNECE and other key UN agencies allows us to monitor, contribute to, and influence the development impact cargo handling and movement worldwide.

ICHCA's NGO work includes organising member delegations to attend IMO and other meetings, taking part in expert correspondent and working groups; and reporting back to members and the industry at large on the progress of new and amended legislation.

Over many decades, ICHCA has played a significant role in ensuring that the voice of the cargo handling industry is represented in the development of new legislation and regulatory guidelines.

Our recent and current NGO campaign work covers a number of major regulatory items, including:

- New IMO SOLAS Convention requirements on verification of container weights
- The new IMO/ILO/UNECE Code of Practice on Packing of Cargo Transport Units
- Liquefaction of bulk cargoes and MARPOL Annex V
- Approved Continuous Examination Programme (ACEP) for containers
- Thorough examination of ships' lifting appliances
- IMDG and IMSBC Code amendments
- Mooring safety
- Container inspections MSC.1 Circ .1442
- IMO Compendium of Ship/Port Interface Publications
- Maritime Single Window
- Developments on environmental sustainability

Members are welcome to join one of our delegations and/or take part in supporting working and correspondence groups. Contact secretariat@ichca.com to register your interest.

7 | TECHNICAL QUERIES

Managed by the Head of ICHCA International, ICHCA's technical advice service provides a trusted source of information on cargo handling practice, policy and regulations.

Members can pose questions to the Technical Panel on any aspect of cargo handling and will receive feedback based on an extensive library of past queries and first-hand global industry knowledge, including the active input of the Technical Panel member body.

Compared with using open channels to solicit feedback from sources whose qualifications may not be fully known, ICHCA's technical advice service gives members a guarantee of quality information from experienced industry practitioners.

As an allied service, the Head of ICHCA International, working together with the Technical Panel, compiles regular updates and analysis of accidents and incidents reported by ICHCA members and other sources.

All queries and feedback are treated in strictest confidence.

To submit a technical query, please go to the Members Area on the ICHCA website.

8 | TRAINING

Working with highly qualified partners, ICHCA International offers training packages and e-learning courses on various aspects of cargo handling and related activities.

As an official IMDG Code book and course distributor, members of ICHCA International benefit from a 15% saving on Exis Technologies' IMDG e-learning courses for shoreside personnel involved in packaged dangerous goods – now a mandatory IMO requirement.

Several other dangerous goods training courses are also available to ICHCA members at a preferential rate, covering the requirements of the IMDG Code, ADR and US 49 CFR regulations.

Members can also take advantage of a 15% reduction on the new CTUpack e-learning course from Exis Technologies, developed together with the TT Club to help companies conform with the new IMO/ILO/UN ECE Code of Practice on Packing of Cargo Transport Units, covering all types of containers, swap bodies road trailers/tankers and rail trailers/tankers.

Other bespoke training packages and consultancy are available from ICHCA covering a wide range of health, safety, risk management and operational issues in cargo handling.

For details of individual courses, please see the links on www.ichca.com/training.

9 | AFFILIATIONS

ICHCA works in conjunction with a number of other NGOs and similar industry bodies on areas of common interest, either formally or informally.

It has formal MOUs (Memorandum of Understanding) with various bodies including:

- IAPH
- FEPORT
- BIC
- FIATA
- PSS
- ABTO

and informal arrangements with:

- BIMCO
- WNTI
- PIANC
- OPIG
- CDI

among many others.

Recent collaborative work with WSC, GSF and TT Club on promotion of the CTU Code has received widespread acclaim and ICHCA has also committed to working with industry partners towards the UNs 17 Sustainable Development Goals as embodied in the World Port Sustainability Programme.

10 | NEWSLETTER

Inside ICHCA International

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11 | SOCIAL MEDIA

We are very active on social media and I would like to encourage you to take the opportunity to follow us on LinkedIn, Twitter and Facebook.



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www.twitter.com/ICHCA2



www.facebook.com/ICHCAInternational

12 | EVENTS



We organise and host seminars, meetings of the technical panel, roadshows, conferences and exhibitions.

The ICHCA International Conference at a glance

<p>30+ countries represented</p>		<p>Attended by Members and non-Members</p>
	<p>Exhibition & Sponsorship opportunities</p>	
<p>High level networking</p>		<p>Prestigious Awards Ceremony</p>
	<p>Broad industry cross-section</p>	

Find out about our upcoming events at www.ichca.com/events

13 | CARGO HANDLING VOICE



Cargo Handling Voice is ICHCA International's monthly global digest of industry, policy and regulatory developments related to safety, security, sustainability and efficiency in cargo handling across all transport modes and nodes.

To subscribe, send an email to secretariat@ichca.com with subject line 'CHV subscribe'. To have your item considered for inclusion in an issue, send the URL link for your item to secretariat@ichca.com before the respective deadline.

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