

**Letter to all ICHCA Members from the Chairman**

26 March 2020

Dear ICHCA Member

**ICHCA priorities during the COVID-19 pandemic**

The coronavirus pandemic is clearly having a far greater impact on people and economies than was ever imagined. These impacts will be with us for some time but one thing is clear – the recovery of the world's economies will be led by the rapid resumption of international trade and the safe and efficient movement of goods through the world's supply chains.

This means a continuing and vital role for businesses involved in international cargo handling and the organisation that supports and speaks for them, ICHCA International. As your chairman, it is my responsibility to think through the role that ICHCA can play to help you now but also as part of that recovery in the future.

On Monday 6 April the ICHCA Board will be in web-conference to review the current financial position of ICHCA and assign priorities for its activities for the remainder of the year. We know that we have some tough choices to make but our mission will be to ensure ICHCA comes through the current crisis and is in a position to support you in the recovery. Central to any forward strategy will be the committed support of you our members through your renewal of membership.

That is why I am writing to you ask for your continued support of ICHCA over the next few months. We can only continue providing the trusted advice and guidance that you value for as long as the membership supports us through your payment of membership fees and your continued participation in our work.

I am grateful to those of you who have already committed to supporting ICHCA for another year and I would ask those of you yet to do so to please renew your membership of ICHCA as quickly as you can. By doing so you will help us to continue supporting you in the vital work that you perform in keeping freight flowing in the supply chain and so help the world towards the recovery that lies the other side of the current crisis.

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I am always happy to receive your ideas and messages via the Secretariat. Please do let me know your thoughts and views via email to [secretariat@ichca.com](mailto:secretariat@ichca.com). I will write to all members again following the Board meeting.

May I wish all ICHCA members good health over the next few weeks.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Beckett', with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Beckett  
Chairman  
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