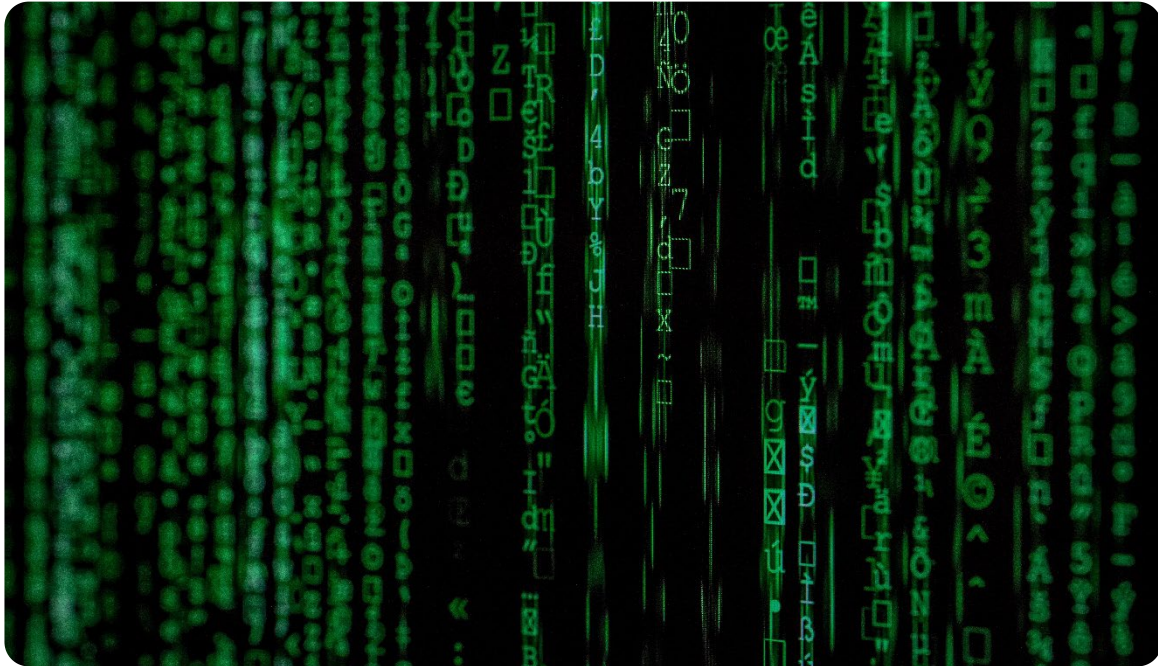


## Examples of Valued Features in Safety Related Applications Used by Cargo Handlers



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### introduction

ICHCA is an active member of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Informal Working Group on the Code of Practice for Packing of Cargo Transport Units. One of this group's workstreams is the potential development of a CTU Code<sup>1</sup> App.

We were asked to survey members for cases studies of cargo handling safety related applications. Understanding functions and features valued by users in existing applications could then feed into design considerations of a future CTU Code app.

ICHCA members were asked "If you are using an App for a safety-related activity - it does not have to be CTU or packing related - please share your experience and insight".

The following summarises the findings from four application case studies: Incy.io, iAuditor, APMT Vessel Inspection App and Hazcheck DGL Lite. It shows some of the user identified benefits for each. The paper concludes with 18 features that were particularly valued by users such as: ease of input, accepts photos, no network connection required universally accessible, one set of simplified questions for standardised working, real-time reporting, analytics/dashboards. These criteria are also presented in a more detailed checklist format at the end of this briefing.

<sup>1</sup> IMO/ILO/UNECE Code of Practice for Packing of Cargo Transport Units (CTU Code) 2014

examples of safety related software packages and their user-valued features



## APMT Vessel Inspection App

<https://www.apmterminals.com/en/news/new-releases/2021/210211-vessel-safety>

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- learning from previous incidents, compiling inspection reports and escalating defects
- conduct vessel inspections using own mobile devices to record critical safety defects, share photos and escalate issues for repair
- download PDF report- share it with the shipping line
- one set of simplified questions for all vessel inspections, standardised way of working across all terminals globally

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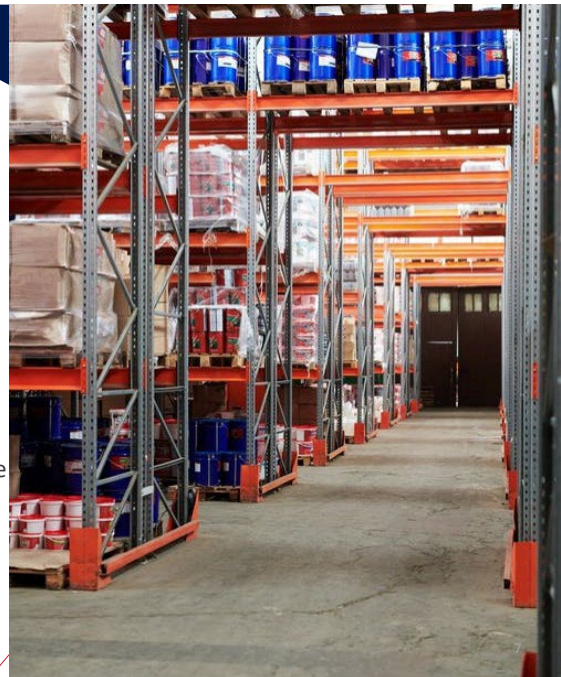
## Hazcheck DGL Lite

<https://existec.com/product/hazcheckdgl-lite/>

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- quick and easy access to IMDG Code classification information in the Dangerous Goods List
- provides details on class, subhazard(s), variations, packing group, marine pollutants and labels
- no network connection required universally accessible
- android and iPhone devices

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## iAuditor

<https://safetyculture.com/iauditor/>

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- inspection, issue capture and corrective action
- convert existing checklists/spreadsheets- drag and drop form builder
- show/hide fields depending the user input- efficiency
- on the spot corrective actions, date, priority, owner
- instant shareable reports,auto sync between mobile devices and desktop; realtime analytics/dashboards
- connect to sensors/data feeds; realtime monitoring

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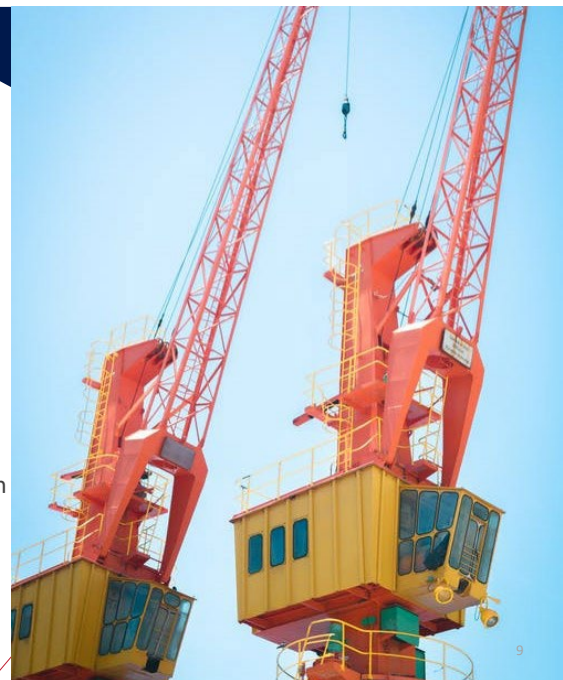
## Incy.io

<https://www.planbrothers.io/products/incy>

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- report and follow up QHSE related observations
- 'easy to manage', 'easily adjust it to our needs'
- main purpose a reporting tool, but also easy to find and review old reports and observations
- does not require a separate app, can be accessed with any browser, cloud based, dashboard
- any device, accepts photos, realtime statistics, cloud based, free upgrades, auto backup, customisable

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## what users liked about the software systems



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## transparency

The APMT Vessel Inspection App and Hazcheck DGL Lite - were developed by ICHCA members.

## Appendix 1 – Checklist of Valued Features in Safety Related Apps

	Functionality	YES	NO	N/A
1	Is it quick and easy to input data? (e.g. without going to multiple screens/switching many pages, repeated entry of same data,)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.1	Does it use well-functioning auto-fill/drop down lists	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.2	Does it accept photo and video inputs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Can it be used on any mobile device platform e.g. android, IOS?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Is it accessible on any browser/cloud?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Can it work when there is no network connection (universally accessible)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Is it customisable to your needs;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.1	Can you easily convert existing checklists?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.2	Does it have a drag and drop form builder?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Is it easy to set up and manage?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.1	Is there one set of simplified questions for standardised working?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.2	Can you show/hide fields depending on user input (efficient form filling)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Is it easy to find and review existing data on the system?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.1	Is there quick and easy access to key information?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Can you do real-time reporting, analytics/dashboards?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8.1	Can you create instant shareable reports, real-time?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Can it create on the spot action plans, (date, priority, owner, etc.)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9.1	Can it be used to escalate issues and learning?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9.2	Does it have a closeout/feedback loop?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Can you connect to sensors/data feeds for real-time monitoring?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Can it automatically sync between mobile and desktop devices?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Does it provide easy and reliable back-up	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Is maintenance simple and handled with minimum disruption?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	Is it simple to upgrade?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>