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THE VOICE OF CARGO HANDLING

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Global food security and biodiversity are threatened by infectious plant pests, which together with plant diseases are responsible for the loss of up to 40% of the world's food crops.

In fact, trade losses, for this reason, exceed US\$22 billion per year.

In view of the above, the United Nations body, the Committee on Phytosanitary Measures, launched a focus group of experts of phytosanitary interest to examine possible contamination by harmful organisms in sea containers.

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The next steps for ICHCA include an international workshop on reducing the introduction of pests via the sea container route, in London in September.

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ICHCA joins battle against food pests

[July 13, 2022 // [Chris Lewis](#)]

Cargo handling body ICHCA has joined the Container Cleanliness Industry Advisory Group. CCIAG has been set up at the instigation of the UN Commission on Phytosanitary Measures to look at potential pest contamination on sea containers to provide advice on cleanliness of the interior and exterior of intermodal freight containers and their cargoes and the risks of pest contamination. An international workshop on the issue will take place in London on 19-20 September – contact secretariat@ichca.com for more information.

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Container numbers hit 6m surplus - but beware invasive species



By [Charlie Bartlett, Technology Editor](#)

14/07/2022

A renewed focus on equipment has seen a pandemic-driven growth in the number of containers circulating; but also a warning about the dangers of invasive species carried on internationally transported boxes.

More boxes could mean a higher risk of transporting unwanted organisms, but would also help reduce the increased dwell times at destination ports in Europe and the US.

Nevertheless, the issue of cleaning containers inside and out to prevent the spread of potentially harmful insects and other wildlife is gaining greater recognition among regulators, with the issue due to be debated in an international conference in London this autumn.

Invasive species can cling to insufficiently cleaned shipping containers, the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures said. And according to UN numbers, plant pests and diseases are responsible for the loss of up to 40% of global food crops, causing trade losses and leading to an annual bill of \$22bn.

The International Cargo Handling Coordination Association (ICHCA) has joined the Container Cleanliness Industry Advisory Group (CCIAG), a new focus group dedicated to preventing cargo losses and cross-contamination from shipping containers.

The aim of the CCIAG is to establish protocols for cleaning shipping containers inside and out, and to raise awareness of the risks of pest contamination in the container supply chain.

These can include pathogens, as well as crabs, seeds, and larvae, which, if unchecked, can transfer from one cargo to another.

Earlier this year, the US turned away bulk carrier *Pan Jasmine*, en route from India to US waters, after non-native species of ants and beetles – including the destructive Asian Longhorn Beetle (pictured) – were found on board.

Shipping is also suspected to be responsible for the introduction of Asian giant hornets, colloquially termed “Murder Hornets”, to the US.

Increased dwell times may see individual containers transported fewer times per year, but the increased resting time could also mean that organisms have time to establish themselves on the box, increasing the need for proper box cleaning.

Drewry Shipping Consultants research shows there is now a surplus of containers amounting to about 6m teu across the world, thanks to the supply chain disruptions of the last two years. John Fossey, Drewry’s head of container equipment research, said that the surplus would be “manageable” in the coming years.

“The delivery schedule of new ships is very strong with slot capacity expected to increase by 3.6m teu in 2023 and by over 3.9m teu in 2024,” said Mr Fossey. “With new IMO emissions regulations coming into force in January 2023 forcing some ships to sail slower, much of the surplus equipment currently in service is expected to be absorbed.

“In addition, there is evidence to suggest that some carriers are planning to have more buffer stock in their equipment pools, while fewer new containers will be built in the next two years.”

This in turn may serve to increase the number of annual container journeys and shorten dwell times again in the coming years.

Meanwhile, Drewry said that the secondary market for containers, where boxes are taken out of circulation and sold for other uses, is “robust,” and “continues to expand” as the number of uses grows.

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Said ICHCA International: 'We are pleased to report that our application to join the CCIAG has been accepted. ICHCA's role is to work with stakeholder partners to ensure safety is 'baked in' to the delivery of practical and sustainable outcomes.'

Established in 1952, ICHCA International is an independent, not-for-profit organisation dedicated to improving the safety, productivity and efficiency of cargo handling and movement worldwide.

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Mike Yarwood
*Managing Director, Loss Prevention
TT Club*

One of TT Club's primary missions is to encourage innovation to achieve greater safety in the supply chain. Together with ICHCA International, we demonstrated this with an innovation of our own, launching the inaugural Safety Village at this year's TOC Europe conference and exhibition in Rotterdam. The first of its type, the exhibition space was dedicated to discovering the industry's greatest safety concerns whilst promoting innovators looking to find the solutions.

The success of the TT Club Innovation in Safety Award programme, operated by ICHCA, has proved that there have been numerous ground-breaking innovations with multiple applications aimed at reducing these safety risks.

Some of these were presented at the Safety Village, including by companies such as Traxens, LASE, Yardeye, KALP and Arck sensors.

For these forums to take place, the Safety Village featured a meeting area and presentation facilities, which allowed companies to showcase their innovative safety devices, processes and products – all aimed at championing safety in the supply chain and developing new solutions to managing risks. Planning for the Safety Village at TOC Europe in 2023 is already underway.

ICHCA, the representative body for cargo handling operators across the globe, has run TT Club's Innovation in Safety Award since its inception and shares in its passion for encouraging innovation and learning across the

industry. Submissions to the Award programme have ranged in focus from bulk cargo handling to securing containers and their cargoes; from safety reporting and education to the correct handling of dangerous materials; from environmental monitoring to fire detection and suppression.

A Safety Awards Digest has been produced to share the knowledge, bringing together details of the wide variety of products and procedures that achieved a demonstrable improvement in cargo handling and transport safety. **A copy of the Digest in PDF form is available for download.**

This year's Awards will open for entries soon, with the winners announced early in 2023. Details will be available at www.ichca.com.

