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IICL ANNOUNCES SAFE CONTAINER ONLINE COURSE

Washington, DC— The Institute of International Container Lessors (IICL) announces its first on-line educational training course on the Convention for Safe Containers (CSC).

“The safe condition and handling of shipping containers in a consistent and effective manner across the international transportation network is necessary to protect human life, cargo and the environment” said Gary Danback, IICL Technical Director. “The objective of this course is to develop an awareness and proficiency of the students in the CSC provisions applicable to container inspections, repairs and use.”

In 1972, a conference jointly convened by the United Nations and IMO was held to consider a draft convention prepared by IMO. The Convention for Safe Containers adopted by the conference had two goals:

- Maintain a high level of safety of human life in transport and handling and to
- Facilitate the international transport of containers by providing uniform international safety regulations. This has provided a foundation for global consistency and relevance in container safety procedures.

In 1983 the original re-examination interval under Periodic Examination Scheme (PES) was extended to 30 months and the Approved Continuous Examination Program (ACEP) was adopted as an alternative to provide container owners with a choice of schemes to utilize to meet their container examination requirements.

“The CSC Convention has continued to evolve over time” said the IICL’s President Steve Blust, “with the most recent changes having gone into effect on 1 July 2014.” These changes include”:

- New definitions at the beginning of annexes I and II, along with consequential amendments to ensure uniform usage of terminology throughout CSC 1972.
- Amendments to align all physical dimensions and units to the International System of Units (SI).
- Marking of containers with restricted stacking capacity, as required under the relevant standard.
- The inclusion in annex III of the list of deficiencies that do not require an immediate out-of-service decision by the control officer but do require additional safety measures to enable safe ongoing transport.

The IICL is offering its online educational training course, both as a component of the 2015 IICL Container Inspector Examination package and also as a stand alone course to highlight key components of the CSC Convention as well as the policies and procedures necessary for container owners, operators and shippers to follow as set forth by the Convention.

For information on the CSC course please visit the IICL website at <http://www.iicl.org/csc/training.cfm> or contact the IICL at info@iicl.org

NOTE:

The IICL CSC course is presented as informational and instructive as to the terms set forth by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in their 1972 Convention regarding container safety. The IMO does not certify individuals in the requirements or procedures as described in the Convention for newly manufactured or modified containers.

Organized in 1971, the IICL is a trade association, representing lessors of maritime containers and intermodal chassis. Its member companies, Beacon, CAI, Cronos, Direct ChassisLink, Dong Fang, Flexi-Van, Florens, Seaco, SeaCube, TAL International, Textainer, TOUAX, TRAC Intermodal, and Triton, own or manage approximately 90 percent of the global leased container fleet, representing nearly half of the world container fleet and approximately 80 percent of the U.S. chassis fleet operated by motor carriers, railroads, ocean carriers, marine terminal operators and other companies.

The IICL is active in educational, technological, safety, environmental, governmental, regulatory, and security issues. Complementing its widely accepted publications and annual inspector certification examinations, the IICL offers a wide range of educational training courses.

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