



CONTAINER OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Container Owners Association – Australasian Chapter

7TH June 2006
Carlton Crest Hotel – Sydney

Sponsored by - Gavan Products

Apologies

Jamie Driscoll Florens
Colin Thew Toll
Peter Cain Oceania
Chris Henderson Tradecorp

Attendees

Adam Miers	Gavan Products
Bob Cotton	QR National
Brian Southcombe	Reefer Management Services
David Neumann	Hempel Australia P/L
Garry Pinder	Intermodal Solutions
Gavin Condon	Gavan Products
Graeme Tracey	Triton
Graham Edwards	Nationwide Containers
Graham Trad	CIMC Australia
Jack Jia	Maristar Container Manufacturing
Jonathon Coad	SCF Containers
Lindsay Carthew	SCF Containers
Philip Wood	Standards Australia
Richard Sykes	SCF Containers
Robert Brown	Reefer Management Services
Ross Nacey	P & O Ports
Roy Pereira	Triton
Sandy Watt	GE Seaco
Scott Tapsall	QR National
William Cao	Maristar Container Manufacturing

1. Introduction – Richard Sykes
 - a) Next COA (International) meeting is in Antwerp June 22nd 23rd 2006
 - i. Security issues
 - ii. Working groups
 - b) New COA members from the Australian Region
Pacific National, QR National, Tradecorp
 - c) each attendee introduced themselves
 - d) COA (International) ratified formation of the Australasian Regional Branch; therefore this is the first official meeting.



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2. Previous Minutes
As circulated

3. AQIS/ENSIS – Wooden Floor Fumigation issue
Gavin Condon – updated the meeting advising he had visited the Ensis facility in Melbourne. Due to a restriction of their funding and difficulty in obtaining floor samples the project has slowed but they are determined to maintain some random testing.

Random sampling has shown virtually no containers tested are meeting AQIS requirements. They expressed concern about the insect resistance of bamboo floors.

4. Guest Speaker: Ross Nacey P & O Ports (ANZ)
 - Inland transport hubs – P & O Ports ANZ recently took over management of Brisbane’s Multi-user (Rail) Terminal
 - P & O Ports purchased by DBW earlier in 2006. Group is now 2nd or 3rd largest port operator in the world
 - P & O Ports Australia about 50% of market, around 2million TEU’s with 24 sites around Australia
5. Guest Speaker: Philip Wood Standards Australia
 - A Standard is a published document setting out specifications and procedures.
 - The Australian Standard ME-068 relates to containers for Australian rail.
 - Generally committee members are drawn from; consumers, Government, Commercial & Retail, trade unions, research, professional bodies, manufacturers and industry.
 - They work on consensus agreement e.g. 80% agreement.

Observance of standards is generally voluntary. Exceptions are where:

- Standard is contracted then becomes legal requirement of contract
- where product is declared “manufactured to XXX standards” then standard is enforceable
- mandated by Government Legislation

Standards Australia is Australia’s member of the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO)



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MT 068 is the Australian Standard that covers Freight containers. The members of that Australian Standards Committee are:

- Austroads
- Australasia Rail
- Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA)
- Dept of Defence
- ICHCA (International Cargo Handlers)
- Shipping Australia
- Containers Owners Association

Australia is a full member of ISO TC 104 Freight containers; ME-068 is the Australian committee responsible for voting on amendments to ISO containers.

- 30 ISO ballots over last 12 months for new work, draft amendments, draft standards etc regards containers.
- 42 current standards, recent work include RFID tags, mechanical seals, 45' containers and electronic seals

(Addition of COA to ME 068 committee ensures we can review and have a say in proposed ISO developments)

6. Working Group Reporting

Richard Sykes (SCF)
Graham Trad (CIMC Australia)
Garry Pinder (Intermodal Solutions)
Bob Cotton (QR)
Robert Brown (Reefer Management Services)

- a) Recertification of containers (Chair: Richard Sykes – SCF Containers)
Richard's presentation outlined a possible "ASCE" certification.
Committee to consider for presentation to the next meeting.

- i. Rail
- ii. Sea
- iii. Road
- iv. Other users

- b) Securing of loads (Chair: Bob Cotton – QR National)
QR – Bob Cotton
Toll – Colin Thew
SCF – Richard Sykes
CIMC Australia – Graham Trad



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Bob presented QR's publication "Loading and Securing of Containers on Rail – Customer Handbook 2006", to the meeting. General agreement was that it is practical start to achieving a standard industry document. Need to consider the Pacific National Standard?

- c) Container Specification Standard
 - Review of Australian Standard ME068 – freight containers committee
 - Pacific National – Con xxx
 - QR – Scott Tapsall
 - CIMC Australia – Graham Trad
 - SCF – Richard Sykes
 - Toll – tba

Presentation by Gavin Condon, Managing Director of Gavan Products.

Vote of thanks to Gavan Products for sponsoring the day.

Richard Sykes to prepare email asking attendees to advise of potential members

Other Business

1. possible working group
 - Compilation of all state and national regulations, laws and by-laws
2. dialogue with other organisations
 - Who should we be approaching?
 - Australian Shipping Association
 - ISO Shipping
3. repair standards – Richard Sykes to distribute COA (I) working group information to Australian Chapter
4. education of members