



ILA-USMX JOINT SAFETY COMMITTEE

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The Convention for Safe Containers



The International Maritime Organization (IMO), an agency of the United Nations, has devised and administers a legal instrument known as the **Convention for Safe Containers (CSC)** which all container owners offering their equipment for international maritime transport must adhere to.

The CSC includes safeguards meant to protect all individuals involved in container use and handling with respect to the topics of design, inspection, maintenance and safe handling.

For instance, each container moving in international maritime commerce must have a current and valid CSC Safety Approval plate (*See photograph above*), which provides important information about the container's use limitations.

Additionally, the CSC includes mandatory examination time intervals within which each container must be assessed in terms of its continued structural serviceability. Container owners can, in the alternative, opt to enroll their containers in an Approved (by the national authority in the country of registry) Continuous Examination Program (ACEP), wherein qualifying gate-in/gate-out inspections may serve the same purpose on an ongoing basis.

The ILA~USMX Joint Safety Committee (JSC) urges its labor and management constituents to become more familiar with the CSC and its requirements. Here's a helpful link: [CSC and Its Interpretations & Guidelines](#)

Got an OSH-related question? Write to the JSC at: blueoceana@optonline.net

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