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1. Call to members - please consent FIATA to send you emails

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2. WTO members agree process and structure for Nairobi Ministerial Declaration

At a meeting of all WTO members in Geneva (3 November), Director-General Roberto Azevêdo presented a suggested process to develop a Ministerial Declaration for the WTO's 10th Ministerial Conference in Nairobi in December.

He also presented a possible structure for the document. Both elements were based closely on the views expressed by members to the three facilitators appointed by the Director-General on 12 October to consult with them on these issues (Ambassador Gabriel Duque of Colombia, Ambassador Harald Neple of Norway and Ambassador Stephen Karau of Kenya). Both elements were accepted by the membership.

To read more please visit: https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news15_e/hod_03nov15_e.htm

3. Fourteenth UNCTAD-OECD Report on G20 Investment Measures released

UNCTAD's Review of Maritime Transport has since 1968 provided coverage of key developments affecting international seaborne trade, shipping, the world fleet, ports, freight markets, and transport-related regulatory and legal frameworks.

To read more please visit:

<http://unctad.org/en/pages/PublicationWebflyer.aspx?publicationid=1374>

4. At UNCTAD policymakers share lessons learnt in making trade work for development

The meeting was held to foster the exchange of experiences and lessons learnt in formulating and implementing development-oriented trade policy. Participants included senior policymakers and

trade negotiators, as well as representatives of international organisations, civil society and academia.

International trade is expected to act as a powerful enabling force in the achievement of the new Sustainable Development Goals, which were adopted at the United Nations Summit on Sustainable Development in New York on 27 September.

To read more please visit: <http://unctad.org/en/pages/newsdetails.aspx?OriginalVersionID=1118>

5. ICAO Panel delivers new recommendation on Lithium Battery Shipments

State and industry experts on the ICAO Dangerous Goods Panel (DGP) agreed to important new recommendations last week on the restriction of lithium battery shipments carried on passenger and freighter aircraft.

There will be changes to the provisions applicable to the transport of lithium ion batteries as cargo to require them to be shipped at no more than 30% state of charge. Lithium ion batteries (UN 3480 PI 965, Section II) and lithium metal batteries (UN 3090 PI 968, Section II) will also be restricted to no more than one (1) package per consignment. These changes are expected to become effective **1 April 2016**, to be confirmed.

This information is courtesy of IATA and is published on their website:

<http://www.iata.org/whatwedo/cargo/dgr/Pages/lithium-batteries.aspx>

6. FLA presents the new FIATA Air Cargo Course Certificate

The FIATA Presidency endorsed, in last meeting at the FIATA World Congress 2015, a project set forth by the Airfreight Institute and the FIATA Logistics Academy to commence a project which allows FIATA Validated Association Members to offer a FIATA Air Cargo Certificate for those students which complete the air cargo module of the program.

To apply for the FIATA Air Cargo Course Certificate, FIATA Association Member need to complete the form titled "[Application form - FIATA Air Cargo Course](#)". Since FLA has been mandated to manage the course, the Application Form will be submitted to Ms. Verena Schaer, FLA Manager at fla@fiata.com.

7. FLA and edX: education for everyone, everywhere

The FLA Chairperson met with the Dean of the Digital Center to dialogue on ways to bring edX closer to the freight forwarding and logistics community. Founded by Harvard University and MIT in 2012, edX is an online learning destination and MOOC provider, offering high-quality courses from the world's best universities and institutions to learners everywhere. With more than 85 global partners, they count the world's leading universities, nonprofits, and institutions as their members. EdX university members top the QS World University Rankings® with their founders receiving the top honors, and edX partner institutions ranking highly on the full list. Their Mission is to:

- Increase access to high-quality education for everyone, everywhere
- Enhance teaching and learning on campus and online

- Advance teaching and learning through research

We are happy to share with you the edX courses. On this link:

<http://www.fiatalearning.com/edX> you will find edX courses recommended by the FLA due to the relevance to our industry.

8. FLA and CIFFA bring the Shipping Lithium Batteries by Air to the global logistics industry

In March 2015 at the FIATA Headquarters Session in Zurich, Switzerland, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between FIATA and the CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL FREIGHT FORWARDERS ASSOCIATION, INC. - CIFFA. The ceremony marked a milestone in the lead up to the accomplishment of the FLA's mission. Francesco Parisi, President of FIATA, and Ruth Snowden, Executive Director of CIFFA, signed a Memorandum of Understanding which sets out the commitment to promote compliance in shipping Lithium Batteries by Air. According to the MoU the promotional code "FIATA" has been made available for FLA learners. To register to you need to go through the process as a non-member on the CIFFA website when registering.

At moderate cost, you can register for CIFFA's Shipping Lithium Batteries by Air course on the link: <http://www.ciffa.com/education/?Course=shipping-lithium-batteries-by-air&CourseID=7370>

9. OECD Trade Facilitation Indicators: An overview of available tools

To help governments improve their border procedures, reduce trade costs, boost trade flows and reap greater benefits from international trade, OECD has developed a set of trade facilitation indicators (TFIs) that identify areas for action and enable the potential impact of reforms to be assessed.

Two interactive web tools allow users to compare country performance across the 11 trade facilitation indicators, to discover the key measures driving the performance of a selected country, and to simulate the effects of potential policy reforms. To read more please visit: <http://www.oecd.org/tad/facilitation/TFIs-overview-available-tools-september-2015.pdf>

10. ICC releases statement on Misuse of Customs Valuation Databases

The International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) has released a policy statement on the Misuse of Customs Valuation Databases at a global meeting of customs valuation officials this week in Brussels.

While acknowledging that Customs valuation databases can provide a useful tool for risk assessment, ICC is concerned about the increasing number of countries that use these databases in violation of the World Trade Organization (WTO) regulations by setting reference or minimum prices for import declarations. To read more please visit: <http://www.iccwbo.org/News/Articles/2015/ICC-releases-statement-on-Misuse-of-Customs-Valuation-Databases/>

11. ICC Policy Statement on Making Transport Smarter and Greener (2015)

The International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), as the world business organization speaking on behalf of enterprises in every sector and part of the world, released its Policy Statement on Making Transport Smarter and Greener.

The policy statement evaluates the ways in which international transport has become more energy efficient, while acknowledging that there is still room for improvement. The recommendations provide guidance to governments on how to create global regulations in an effective way. To read the statement please visit: [http://www.iccwbo.org/Advocacy-Codes-and-Rules/Document-centre/2015/ICC-Policy-Statement-on-Making-Transport-Smarter-and-Greener-\(2015\)/](http://www.iccwbo.org/Advocacy-Codes-and-Rules/Document-centre/2015/ICC-Policy-Statement-on-Making-Transport-Smarter-and-Greener-(2015)/)

12. WEF E15 Initiative: Strengthening the International Trading System

With the rise of the WTO TFA and the Trans-Pacific Partnership agreed in October 2015 between 12 countries, NGOs and Governments are trying to understand what the implications are for them and how to translate this into ministerial and CEO-level priorities.

In response to the above, the World Economic Forum and the ICTSD have launched the E15 initiative. This world's largest high-level brainstorming exercise aims to develop a set of policy options and promote strategic dialogue regarding the evolution of the international trading system by connecting the foremost experts and decision-makers from private, public and civil society sectors.

To read more please visit: <http://www.weforum.org/projects/e15-initiative-strengthening-international-trading-system>

For a look at the WEF Global Enabling Trade Index please visit: <http://widgets.weforum.org/global-enabling-trade-report-2014/>

13. Three more EU rail freight corridors in service

Three more EU rail freight corridors (RFC) - the Scandinavian-Mediterranean RFC number 3, the Baltic-Adriatic RFC number 5 and the North Sea-Baltic RFC number 8 - have become operational, marking the completion of the European rail network for competitive freight. Five other RFCs went into service in November 2013.

The RFCs - now nine in all - form the rail freight backbone of the EU's multimodal core network corridor. They are a key initiative of the EU Commission to achieve a truly single European rail area for rail freight, and the Commission is providing co-funding for the corridors' activities through the "Connecting Europe" facility. To read more please visit: <http://www.rne.eu/rail-freight-corridors-rfcs.html>

14. Air Cargo Security Program Applications for Third Party Services Providers Now Accepted

Courtesy from the Canadian International Freight Forwarders Association (CIFFA), the forwarding industry must be aware that transport Canada issued an important notice to Third Party Service

Providers stating that *Applications Are Now Being Accepted For the New Air Cargo Security Program Participant Categories*.

The five new categories that will come into effect in October 17, 2016 include:

- Known Consignor
- Account Consignor
- Certified Agent
- Regulated Agent
- Authorized Cargo Administrator

Question can be submitted through our contact inquiry form at the following link: <http://www.ciffa.com/contact/inquiry-form/>

For further information please visit:

<http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?ca=3bdb4bc5-a03b-4c9d-b7e7-980990ff1092&c=0cddc000-7da2-11e3-83a9-d4ae527b6fcc&ch=0e1f67c0-7da2-11e3-83de-d4ae527b6fcc>

15. COP21: Parliament's roadmap for Paris UN climate talks

The EU and its member states must call for a 40% cut in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and scale up climate finance commitments at the COP21 UN climate talks in Paris, Parliament said on Wednesday. MEPs also say a share of revenues from the EU's carbon market allowances should be earmarked for climate finance, and the aviation and shipping sectors should initiate measures to curb their emissions by the end of 2016.

Parliament points out that transport is the second-largest sector generating greenhouse gas emissions and calls on the parties to COP21 to work through the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO) on measures to cut emissions before the end of 2016. To read more please visit: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/news-room/content/20151013IPR97324/html/COP21-Parliament's-roadmap-for-Paris-UN-climate-talks>

16. WORLD CAMPAIGN: "HISTORIC MILESTONES OF LOGISTICS"

With immediate effect, associations, organisations, industry, politics, academia and the media are called upon to propose individuals who achieved a so-called milestone in logistics before the year 2000.

The goal of the campaign is compiling a worldwide documentation of outstanding logistics achievements - starting in fields like transport and logistics and extending through to intralogistics and information logistics. For more information please visit: <http://www.logisticshalloffame.net/en/press/press-information/world-campaign-historic-milestones-of-logistics/>