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1. FLA and EdX present: Industry- relevant online courses available anytime, everywhere

The FIATA Logistics Academy (FLA) Chairperson met with the Dean of the edX Digital Centre to dialogue on ways to bring edX closer to the freight forwarding and logistics community. We are happy to share with you the edX courses. On the FLA Website you will find the edX courses recommended by the FLA due to the relevance to our industry. <http://www.fiatalearning.com/edX>

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.

2. Learn the Fundamentals of an Integrated Supply Chain - and Enhance Your Performance and Productivity!

We are happy to announce that the FIATA Logistics Academy (FLA) has partnered with University Alliance, offering you the opportunity to earn your degree or professional certificate online. Now is the time to invest in your future, just as many of your colleagues are doing. Take control of your career and empower yourself by earning a degree or professional certificate from an accredited university. Enrol now to the course *Supply Chain Management* starting in February 2016. Contact the FLA at fla@fiata.com.

3. ICAO Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air and IATA DGR new provisions - APPLICABLE IMMEDIATELY

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) has published their third addendum to the 2015-2016 Edition of the Technical Instructions: See this web link <http://www.icao.int/safety/dangerousgoods/pages/technical-instructions.aspx>.

The document dated 15 January 2016 introduces some new provisions that were deemed as safety-critical and are applicable immediately. The changes include the assignment of special provision A210 (forbidden for carriage by air) against catecholborane and 1,3,2-benzodioxaborole, further changes to the restrictions on the carriage of lithium batteries, and a clarification on lithium batteries in overpacks.

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) has posted on 16 January an addendum to their Dangerous Goods Regulations 57th Edition effective for the year 2016. The addendum that consists of some new operator and state variations is available here: <http://www.iata.org/whatwedo/cargo/dgr/Documents/dgr57-addendum1-en-20160116.pdf>

4. Mali and Jamaica, two additional ratifications for the Trade Facilitation Agreement

Mali has ratified the new Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA), becoming the 10th African nation to do so. Mali has also accepted an amendment to the TRIPS Agreement aimed at facilitating access to essential medicines in poor countries that was adopted in 2005.

Jamaican Prime Minister Portia Simpson Miller has confirmed her country's ratification of the TFA during a meeting with WTO Director-General Roberto Azevêdo in Kingston on 19 January. To read more about

the WTO TFA and its progress towards ratifying please visit:
https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news16_e/fac_20jan16_e.htm

5. Transport Operators, Manufacturers, Researchers: Apply for 2016 ITF Awards!

The ITF Awards honour exceptional achievements in transport-related areas. Winners will be presented with the Award in the presence of transport ministers from around the world at their Annual Summit on 18-20 May in Leipzig, Germany.

Applications for the prestigious ITF Awards are open until 10 February. To read more about the awards categories please visit: <http://www.internationaltransportforum.org/2016/awards/>

6. UNCTAD - A new approach to developing rural economies in the poorest countries

Rural development in the least developed countries (LDCs) is essential for these countries to reach the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular the goal to end poverty in all its forms by 2030.

The poverty rate is systematically higher and more persistent in LDCs than in other developing countries; and within LDCs it is twice as high in rural areas as in towns and cities, and rural poverty is more extreme than urban poverty. To read more please visit: <http://us6.campaign-archive2.com/?u=3592d5dcafd1b9278dd78095f&id=6745eb4ddf&e=9edbed2164>

7. UNCTAD's Fourth Quarter 2015

In this issue of UNCTAD's Transport and Trade Facilitation Newsletter, you will find articles on benefits of trade facilitation, the BWM (Ballast Water Management) convention, new projects, and UNCTAD's role in mainstreaming sustainability into freight transport systems and cutting red tape for international trade.

To read the newsletter please visit:

http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/webdtltlb2015d4_en.pdf?utm_source=UNCTAD+Transport+and+Trade+Facilitation+Newsletter&utm_campaign=b048d2782b-UNCTAD_s_Transport_Newsletter_n68&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f6141a63dd-b048d2782b-44494137

8. UNCTAD Study - Global Value Chains and South-South Trade

Contrary to much recent analysis, the study emphasizes the longstanding nature of the economic forces behind global value chains--in addition to discussing recent changes in the global trading system. It examines recent trends in global production sharing, the value added by different countries in global value chains, the contribution of these chains to rising South-South trade, and the role of FDI (Foreign Direct Investments) in spreading international production.

To read more please visit:

http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/gdsecidc2015d1_en.pdf?utm_source=UNCTAD+Civil+Society+Newsletter&utm_campaign=6745eb4ddf-CSO_E_Alerts_14_January_2016&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_2e2035bdbc-6745eb4ddf-41814569

9. UNECE signs United Nations Development Assistance Framework with Tajikistan for 2016-2020

UNECE will strengthen its support to Tajikistan development efforts through the implementation of United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) for the period of 2016-2020, which was officially launched today in Dushanbe.

To read the speech please visit: <http://www.unece.org/info/media/presscurrent-press-h/general-unece/2015/unece-signs-united-nations-development-assistance-framework-with-tajikistan-for-2016-2020/doc.html>

10. Summary of UN/CEFACT Trade Facilitation Recommendations (ECE/TRADE/346/Rev.1)

This publication ([ECE/TRADE/346/Rev.1](http://www.unece.org/info/media/presscurrent-press-h/general-unece/2015/unece-signs-united-nations-development-assistance-framework-with-tajikistan-for-2016-2020/doc.html)) contains the latest information on trade facilitation recommendations established under the auspices of the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT). The publication provides a summary of the approved Recommendations presented in a detailed table, which includes the title of the recommendation, its symbol number, a short description, the status of approval and revision, and the publication dates of each language edition.

To read more please visit: <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=41993>

11. Platform released for UN High Level Political Forum (HLPF), 11 - 20 July 2016, New York

The HLPF is the central UN platform for the follow-up and review of the [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](http://www.unece.org/info/media/presscurrent-press-h/general-unece/2015/unece-signs-united-nations-development-assistance-framework-with-tajikistan-for-2016-2020/doc.html) adopted at the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit on 25 September 2015. HLPF 2016 will be the first HLPF after the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

A new website for the 2016 HLPF is now available at: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf/2016>. The website includes a list of the countries that have thus far volunteered to present the first national reviews during the 2016 HLPF. This list will be updated to reflect any additions.

12. ACE (Automated Commercial Environment) Transition for PGA (Participating Government Agencies) Requirements Mandatory in July, 2016

Effective February 28, 2016, all cargo release and entry summary transactions must be filed in ACE. At this time, FDA, NHTSA (DOT), and APHIS Lacey Act will also be mandatory in ACE via the PGA message set.

Additional PGA's will also be required to be filed in ACE in July, 2016 via the PGA message set. Until that time, filers have the following options to file those PGA documents when required for cargo release processing. To see the list please visit: http://apps.cbp.gov/csms/viewmssg.asp?Recid=21403&page=&srch_argv=16-000028&srctype=all&btype=&sortby=&sby

13. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) - What Does the Paris Climate Deal Mean for Asia and the Pacific?

At the 2015 Paris Climate Conference in December, 195 nations agreed to cut greenhouse gas emissions to limit the rise in the global average temperature to below 2 degrees compared to pre-industrial levels. The agreement also set a goal of mobilizing \$100 billion per year starting 2020.

How can the agreement make a genuine difference in Asia and the Pacific given the commitment of large economies in the region to continue with a fossil fuel-based growth strategy? To read about the ADB's study please visit: <http://www.adb.org/news/features/what-does-paris-climate-deal-mean-asia-and-pacific>

14. SESAR Deployment Manager and EIB join forces in support of Single European Sky Initiative

Vice-President of the European Investment Bank (EIB) Pim van Ballekom and Managing Director of the SESAR Deployment Manager (SDM) Massimo Garbini signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to reinforce and expand cooperation between the two organisations.

The SDM is tasked by the European Commission with developing and implementing the technology deployment phase of the Single European Sky Initiative, meant to defragment the EU's airspace so as to increase capacity, improve safety, lower environmental impact and reduce costs for airspace users. To read more about the MoU please visit: <http://www.eib.org/infocentre/press/releases/all/2016/2016-003-sesar-deployment-manager-and-european-investment-bank-join-forces-in-support-of-single-european-sky-initiative.htm>

15. Record €12.7 billion investment in transport now ready to deliver better mobility, new jobs and growth

Announced in June 2015, the Commission's investment plan for the transport sector is now fully operational, after the Innovation and Networks Executive Agency (INEA) finalised the signature of all grant agreements for projects selected under the 2014 Connecting Europe Facility (CEF).

A total of €12.7 billion of EU investment will support 263 transport projects contributing to faster, safer and greener mobility in the EU. This will also play a major role in bridging the investment gap in Europe, which is one of the Commission's top priorities. It is worth noting that CLECAT and FIATA had been advocating for such development in the EU investments for years.

To read more please visit: http://ec.europa.eu/transport/newsletters/2016/01-11/articles/cef_investment_en.htm

16. EU - Commissioner Malmström was in Berlin on TTIP and Trade

EU Trade Commissioner Cecilia Malmström was in Berlin since yesterday evening to meet with Ministers, members of parliament and stakeholders to discuss the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership and the wider EU trade agenda. More on TTIP at:

<http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/in-focus/ttip/>

At the Welt Economic Summit she addressed the CEOs of major German companies, showing how trade policy is making international business easier, for the benefit of EU citizens. To read the speech please visit: http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2016/january/tradoc_154162.pdf