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ASSOCIATIONS' AFFAIRS

1. NEW FIATA Secretariat Bank Account Opens

We would like to inform you that FIATA has a new bank account since **1 August 2016**. Kindly contact info@fiata.com to receive the new bank details.

Please do not remit any payments to the old FIATA bank account you may have registered in your records over the past years as this is no longer valid.

2. FIATA CAI Chair participates in the ICAO-WCO Joint Conference on Enhancing Air Cargo Security and Facilitation

FIATA CAI Chair's participation in the ICAO-WCO Joint Conference was well received. ICAO Council President Dr Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu stated "We now have in place new provisions for supply chain security, high risk cargo, transfer cargo, and the selection of appropriate screening methods, and efforts are continuing to align these rules and guidance with WCO's related provisions,"

Dr Aliu said, underscoring that ICAO and the WCO must do everything they can to prevent the severe delays, disruptions and financial losses which can arise due to lapses in air cargo security.

To read more please visit: <http://www.icao.int/Newsroom/Pages/Effective-Implementation-of-Air-Cargo-Security-Measures-highlighted-and-stressed.aspx>

3. FIATA Goes Live for sustainability: New GVADATA Portal for SDGs

A new initiative launched this summer; the Geneva Data Book and online Geneva Data Portal (<http://gvadata.ch>) provide users with an up-to-date and evolving guide to data relevant to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

FIATA was admitted onto the platform and recently published some of its latest analysis' pertaining to SDG implementation focusing on the importance of logistics connectivity throughout the SDG process. FIATA uploaded two publications which can be found below:

SDG Mapping - <http://gvadata.ch/sdg-mapping-logistics-connectivity>

Training Initiatives - <http://gvadata.ch/best-practice-document-fiata-training-initiatives>

4. FIATA Announces Regional Winners of FIATA Young Freight Forwarders Award

FIATA proudly announces its 2016 Regional Young International Freight Forwarder of the Year Award Winners. Sponsored by FIATA and TT Club, this training and development award is now in its eighteenth year

The four regional finalists, selected this year from among a record 27 entries representing national forwarding associations are:

Region Africa/Middle East: Lorraine Zhou, Zimbabwe

Region Americas: Evgeny Kapustin, Canada

Region Asia/Pacific: Shanon Gould, Australia

Region Europe: Kostiantyn Hapii, Ukraine

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

5. Afghanistan in the WTO as its 164th Member, ratifies the Trade Facilitation Agreement

Afghanistan joined the WTO on 29 July as its 164th Member, after nearly 12 years of negotiating its accession terms. Afghanistan is the ninth least-developed country (LDC) to accede to the WTO since the organisation's establishment in 1995.

To view the list of ratifying countries please visit: <http://live-wtotfaf.pantheonsite.io/ratifications>

6. Updates on changes to Australia's air cargo security arrangements

The US Transportation Safety Administration (TSA) has just completed a visit with the Office of Transport Security (OTS) to evaluate progress on OTS proposed changes to air cargo security programs, particularly in regard to the new 'Known Consignor' (KC) scheme and piece-level screening for US bound air cargo.

OTS advised that KC trials are progressing well, with approx. 12 large exporters of high volume, high value goods including perishables. 22 companies will have participated in the trials, before the program is open to all applicants from 1 November 2016. The Regulations, once finalised, are due to take effect from November 1st this year in preparation for the implementation of the (KC) 'Known Consignor' scheme and piece-level screening for US bound air cargo, from July 1, 2017

For more information please visit:

<http://www.afif.asn.au/CampaignProcess.aspx?A=View&Data=p7yQGJrm%2buTqzSDezy91tq%3d%3d>

7. New FMC Online Registration Renewal System for Non-U.S. Based NVOCCs

As of August 3, 2016, non-U.S. based Non-Vessel-Operating Common Carriers (NVOCCs) registered with the FMC will manage their registration through a new online system. They will receive an email notification alerting them to their upcoming renewal date. The electronic filing system will no longer allow for paper, email or facsimile renewals. The email will provide all instruction on how to login and access the system.

The new renewal process will pre-populate Form FMC-65 utilising the most current information for the registered NVOCC on file. If the information is correct, the NVOCC, authorised tariff publisher or third-party filer will only need to click "submit" to complete the renewal. If any of the information is incorrect, the filer can make the appropriate changes before submitting. Confirmation of the renewal will be sent to the filer, and another message will be sent to indicate whether the submission was accepted or if more information is needed.

"Any non-U.S. based NVOCC not licensed with the Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) must file a registration Form FMC-65 (Non-U.S. based Unlicensed NVOCC Registration/Renewal), before performing services in the U.S. foreign ocean borne trades. A registration for an unlicensed, non-U.S. based NVOCC is effective for a 3-year period. There is no fee to file Form FMC-65 for a registration renewal."

In addition to this, the FMC includes this important note: "Failure to timely renew a registration by filing Form FMC-65 via the new automated renewal system can result in the termination or suspension of an NVOCC's registration."

For more information about the system or renewal process for foreign-based NVOCCs, please email oit@fmc.gov or call (202) 523-5843.

Website: <http://www.fmc.gov/>

8. Notice on Declaration and Verification of Containerised Dangerous Goods Handling in the Port Area of Tianjin

Following the agenda that aims at restoring the storage operation of Dangerous Goods (DG) at the Port of Tianjin, we confirm that the operation license for class 8 & 9 DG cargos of Sinochem Tianjin DG Logistics Co. Ltd. has been resumed on July 15th 2016. To maintain the good order of DG cargo operation, we request all parties concerned to attend to relevant matters as mentioned below:

Containerised DG cargos shall continue to be declared and verified at "Tianjin Port DG Cargo Management IT System (http: 60.30.27.46:8000)". Sinochem Tianjin D.G. Logistics Co.Ltd. should urge proper declaration and cross-check the data.

Tianjin Entry-Exit Inspection & Quarantine Bureau continues to assist Commission in verifying the packaging of DG cargos on the System.

Tianjin Port (Group) Co. Ltd. continues to verify the DG cargo operation on the System and requires all the container terminal operators to reconfirm such operations as completed.

Tianjin Port IT Development Co. Ltd. continues to provide technical support.

Source: Tianjin Municipal Transportation Commission, dated July 15th 2016

9. China requires Anti Mosquito Treatment to prevent the spread of Zika

The United States became the latest country to be added to the list for which China requires imported goods to undergo anti-mosquito treatment. Shipments from the listed countries that do not have a related certification confirming they have conducted anti mosquito treatment may be subject to be quarantined or fumigated at the port of discharge.

More information has been made available on preventing the Zika Virus from spreading to China and the Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China (AQSIQ) has now listed the following countries (status August 2016):

American Samoa, Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Aruba, Belize, Barbados, Bolivia, Bonaire, Brazil, Cape Verde, Cayman Islands, Columbia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Curacao, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, French Guiana, Fiji, Marshall Islands, Guatemala, Guinea- Bissau, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Jamaica, Martinique Island, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Samoa, Saint Bartheleme, Saint Lucia, Saint-Martin, Saint Martin Island, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Salvador, Suriname, Thailand, The Commonwealth of Dominica, Tonga, The United States Virgin Islands, Trinidad, Tobago, The Bolivarian republic of

Venezuela, The British Turks and calicos islands, United States of America, the Philippines, The Federated States of Micronesia and Vietnam.

More information is available on the website of AQSIQ:

<http://www.aqsiq.gov.cn/ztlm/2016/zkdbdfk/>

10. Africa's Unexplored Potential of Trade in Services

A new World Bank Group report, The Unexplored Potential of Trade in Services in Africa, sheds light on uncharted opportunities for services trade in Africa and invigorates the discussion about the role of services in trade diversification and economic upgrading on the continent. For example, according to the firm-level surveys on professional services presented in the book, more than 16 percent of the interviewed accounting, architectural, engineering and legal firms in the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) countries are already engaged in exports, mainly to neighbouring countries.

To read more please visit: <http://www.worldbank.org/en/news/feature/2016/08/04/africas-unexplored-potential-of-trade-in-services>

11. UNCTAD Report - Least developed countries lose 10 percent of exports on non-tariff measures

Least developed countries lose an estimated \$23 billion per year, equal to about 10 per cent of their exports to the Group of 20 (G20) through failure to comply with G20 non-tariff measures, according to new data published by UNCTAD on Tuesday. Non-tariff measures cover a broad range of legitimate and important policy instruments, including measures to protect the health of a country's citizens and its environments, too.

To read more please visit:

[http://unctad.org/en/pages/newsdetails.aspx?OriginalVersionID=1287&Sitemap_x0020_Taxonomy=UNCTAD%20Home;#1723;#Trade Analysis;#2030;#Trade and Non-Tariff Measures](http://unctad.org/en/pages/newsdetails.aspx?OriginalVersionID=1287&Sitemap_x0020_Taxonomy=UNCTAD%20Home;#1723;#Trade%20Analysis;#2030;#Trade%20and%20Non-Tariff%20Measures)

CUSTOMS

12. Five West African Customs Administrations initiate the development of electronic transit messages using the WCO Data Model

From 8 to 12 August 2016, the World Customs Organization (WCO), with the support of Canada, organised and facilitated in Dakar (Senegal) a workshop for IT experts from Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Senegal and Togo Customs. This technical workshop funded by the Customs Cooperation Fund of the Republic of Korea was also attended by the ECOWAS Commission, the UEMOA Commission and the Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) of Germany. It familiarized participants with the WCO data model and initiated the development of electronic messages (XML format) to be exchanged between customs administrations involved in the envisaged supranational transit procedure.

To read more please visit: <http://www.wcoomd.org/en/media/newsroom/2016/august/five-west-african-customs-administrations.aspx>

13. Vanuatu Customs implements the WCO nCEN system

Following the conclusion of the National nCEN training on 6th July 2016, Vanuatu Customs now joins Fiji Customs as the only two Customs Administrations in the Pacific region, and only 20 others in the

World, to have implemented this Customs intelligence system. This historical event is a result of continuous consultation between Vanuatu Customs and the World Customs Organization (WCO) since early 2015. As Vanuatu is a member of the WCO, the system was provided free of charge while the training was delivered complimentary by the WCO.

To read more please visit: <http://www.wcoomd.org/en/media/newsroom/2016/august/vanuatu-customs-implements-the-wco-ncen-system.aspx>

AIR FREIGHT

14. IATA Cargo XML Standard Accepted by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agency

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) announced today that IATA's Cargo-XML messaging standard will be utilised by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agency (US-CBP) to collect advance cross-border data on US export shipments.

The new data format will make electronic communication between the US-CBP's Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) system, airlines and other air cargo stakeholders simpler and more efficient.

More information at: <http://www.iata.org/pressroom/pr/Pages/2016-08-08-01.aspx>

15. IATA - Demand for Air Cargo picks up in June

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released data for global air freight demand in June 2016 showing a rise in freight tonne kilometres (FTK) of 4.3% year-on-year. This was the fastest pace of growth in 14 months. Freight capacity measured in available freight tonne

kilometres (AFTKs) increased by 4.9% year-on-year, keeping yields under downward pressure. Freight demand increased year-on-year in June across all regions with the exception of Latin America which recorded a 9.8% decrease, compared to the same period last year. The Middle East and Europe posted the fastest demand growth in June with year-on-year increases of 8.0% and 5.1% respectively.

More information at: <http://www.iata.org/pressroom/pr/Pages/2016-08-02-02.aspx>

SUSTAINABLE LOGISTICS & CONNECTIVITY

16. Ban-ki Moon highlights release of ICAO Environment Report

Ban Ki-Moon, Secretary General of the United Nations, underscored the release today of the ICAO Environmental Report. "This edition of the ICAO Environmental Report shows how air transport is well on its way to carrying out forward-looking solutions - and sets out the strategic path for even greater progress," he said.

The ICAO 2016 Environmental Report can be downloaded here: <http://www.icao.int/environmental-protection/Pages/ENV2016.aspx>

17. Globally-aligned strategies, intensified partnership, key to sustainable Asia-Pacific growth

Addressing aviation leaders at the 53rd Conference of Asia and Pacific Directors General of Civil Aviation in Colombo, Sri Lanka, ICAO's Council President and Secretary General stressed the need

for greater partnership and cooperation and a globally-aligned approach to safely and sustainably manage aviation's tremendous current growth, which is particularly strong in the Asia and Pacific Region.

Stressing ICAO and the Asia-Pacific's continuing priorities relating to the modernisation of air navigation services (ANS) and other air transport infrastructure, President Aliu noted the challenges relating to dependable funding sources and stressed that ICAO World Aviation Forums should be looked to for related solutions.

To read more please visit: <http://www.icao.int/Newsroom/Pages/ICAO-Leaders-Globally-aligned-strategies-and-intensified-partnership-key-to-sustainability-of-aviation-growth-in-Asia-Pacif.aspx>

18. Africa: Climate Change - COP22 to Meet Civil Society

The Conference of Parties (COP22) Civil Society Pole is expected to visit Rwanda and other 11 African countries with the goal of strengthening the mobilisation of non-state actors on the continent and encouraging their participation in the 22nd Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, ahead of the meeting to be held in Marrakech, Morocco from November 7 to 18.

More at: <http://allafrica.com/stories/201608180026.html>

19. Norway and UN Environment Sign New Agreement for Enhanced Cooperation

UN Environment and the Norwegian Government signed a framework agreement for development cooperation yesterday that lays new ground for future collaboration in development and environmental sustainability.

More information at:

<http://www.unep.org/newscentre/Default.aspx?DocumentID=27081&ArticleID=36242&l=en>