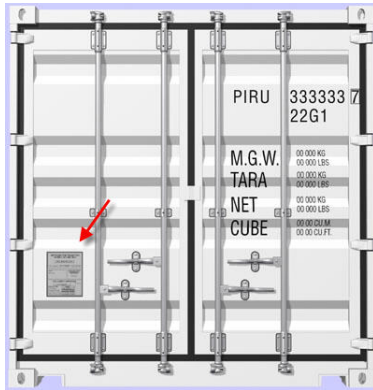




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The Convention for Safe Containers



Have you ever noticed the tag riveted to the door end of the vast majority of intermodal containers? If you answered “No”, you’re not alone. Most workers (and managers) within the global marine cargo handling community haven’t got a clue as to what it is; nor what it does. This OSH Circular would like to provide some answers and hopefully prompt some questions.

The Convention for Safe Containers (CSC) is, essentially, an intermodal container-specific international treaty administered by an agency of the United Nations (The International Maritime Organization [IMO]). The United States is signatory to the CSC, and compliance in our country is overseen by the U.S. Coast Guard. The CSC sets out mandatory design and operational requirements for all containers being carried on nearly every ship moving in international trade. Here’s a link to the original (1972) Convention:

<http://www.admiraltylawguide.com/conven/containers1972.html>

The ILA~USMX Joint Safety Committee (JSC) advocates for our industry’s workers and managers learning all they can about the CSC Convention, and we encourage shipping associations, companies and unions to include components of CSC-related instruction within their local training curriculums.

As a baseline for that purpose, the JSC would like to provide some informational material that will allow workers and managers a broader understanding of some of the CSC Convention’s more meaningful requirements. Here’s a link:

[http://containerownersassociation.org/downloads/418/CSC Presentation 5April15.pdf](http://containerownersassociation.org/downloads/418/CSC%20Presentation%205April15.pdf)

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

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