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## INDUSTRY WORKSHOP TO ADDRESS CONTAINER TRANSPORT CHAIN ISSUES

An important Industry Workshop to be held on 21 November 2005 in Melbourne will address key issues impacting on the container transport chain in Victoria.

The Workshop will be hosted by the Victorian Transport Association (VTA), in collaboration with Shipping Australia Limited (SAL), the Customs Brokers & Forwarders Council of Australia (CBFCA) and the Port of Melbourne Corporation (PoMC).

Key issues to be debated at the forum include:

- “Chain of Responsibility” laws including **Container Weight Declarations**;
- Introduction of the **Maritime Security Identification Card (MSIC)** regime in Victorian ports;
- An update on the roll out of the 1-Stop **Vehicle Booking System (VBS)**;
- Transport ramifications (incl. costs) from import container delays caused by the introduction of **Customs’ Integrated Cargo System (ICS)**; and
- **Empty container management** & business activity harmonisation.

“The pace of regulatory and operational change impacting on the container transport chain, both international and domestic, has accelerated.” commented Deputy Chief Executive of the Victorian Transport Association (VTA), Neil Chambers.

“This is a rare and timely opportunity for industry participants from across the container transport chain, in conjunction with the regulators, to come together to debate these important issues” Mr. Chambers said.

“We need to listen and continue to learn from each other - to turn compliance challenges and integration difficulties into productive opportunities and operational practicalities” he added.

Key amongst the presentations to be delivered at the Workshop will be VicRoads on the latest policies affecting the implementation of the new “chain of responsibility” laws, 1-Stop & the Port of Melbourne Corporation on the practical aspects of applying for the newly mandated Maritime Security Identification Card (MSIC), and the Chairman of the Victorian Business Activity Harmonisation Study (BAHS) Steering Committee, Alan White (Port of Melbourne Corporation), on recommendations to improve business harmonisation and productivity across the Port of Melbourne supply chain.

The Workshop will be held from 9.30am to 1.15pm on Monday, 21 November 2005 at “Albert by the Lake”, Aughtie Drive, Albert Park (\$45.00 per head, including a light lunch).

Further information can be obtained from the VTA website @ [www.vta.com.au](http://www.vta.com.au) or by phoning the VTA on 03 9646 8590.

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# Container Issues Workshop

Monday, 21 November 2005 at "Albert by the Lake" commencing at 9.30am

## REGISTRATION FORM

RSVP by no later than Thursday, 17 November 2005

Company/Organisation: .....

Contact Person: .....

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