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Media Information

FIATA puts container weighing on the balance

FIATA delegates gathered in big numbers in Los Angeles to attend the 50th edition of the FIATA World Congress. This is the annual feature where the community of freight forwarders, logistics service providers and Customs agents meet to discuss the most important issues of their trade.

This week-long Congress pulls together an unprecedented number of speakers for an audience of the very top level of transport related service officials from all over the world.

This year some 800 delegates from 78 countries parted with some of their precious time to deliberate on a complex and rich agenda. Traditionally the Working Group Sea of the Multimodal Transport Institute works hard in preparation of the sessions.

The delegates attending the meeting endorsed the joint FIATA/CLECAT position paper on the issue of mandating container weighing in ports.

Robert Keen, the Chairman of the FIATA Working Group, in the margins of the meetings summarised the core of the issue as follows: "FIATA is not blind to see that this is a real issue, especially in regards of our members' expectations in terms of compliance and best business practice. There is no question that precise weight declarations are an advantage for all parties concerned. The question we have analysed is another. Do we need container weight legislation and, if there were such legislation in place, would its cost/benefit analysis justify the effort? FIATA is wholeheartedly behind any incentive to make container weighing more precise, we are less inclined to accept such an issue to be on the legislative agenda."

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The International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA) was founded in Vienna in 1926. Today it is the largest and leading non-governmental organization in the field of transportation, representing 40'000 forwarding and logistics companies employing up to 10 million people in 150 countries. FIATA has consultative status with several United Nations bodies and is recognized by many governmental and private organizations worldwide. The Federation's main objectives are to promote and protect the interests of the freight forwarding industry, to improve the quality of freight forwarding services, to assist with vocational training and to familiarize the business world in particular and the public in general with the wide range services rendered by the industry.



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