DCSA update
March 2025

FMC NSAC

DCSA's 2024 in a nutshell

3x

More adoption of our standards than in the previous year

180m

The use of our Track and Trace standard exceeded 180 million API calls per month

2 new standards

DCSA released Operational and Commercial Schedule standards and implementation is already ongoing

1 more carrier

Pacific International Lines (PIL) joined DCSA in April, expanding coverage in container shipping further.

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US shipper and forwarder organizations sent a letter to the CEOs of our members commending the achievement so far and asking for swift adoption

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electronic
Bill of Lading

100% eBL in 2030
to unlock significant savings as well as create opportunities for future growth

What does the DCSA eBL do?

- Enables harmonized data transfer for shipping instructions, draft BL, corrections, approval and eBL issuance, amendment & surrender (same eBL platform transfer).

- Supports standard cargo, reefers and dangerous goods.

What is new?

- Compliant with Customs and Hazmat requirements (incl. new EU requirements and latest IMDG code)

- Getting ready for solution provider interoperability

- First pilots kicked off involving carriers, BCOs and eBL solution providers

Why switch to an electronic Bill of Lading?

- Efficiency increase & error reduction

- Enhanced visibility & compliance

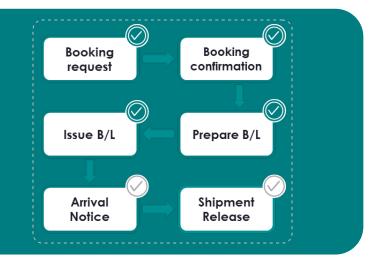- Improved cyber security and data protection

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Booking and the end-to-end process

End-to-end administrative processes

By standardizing and streamlining data exchanges between shippers and carriers, administrative burdens are reduced, errors minimized, and costs cut

This is achieved by enhancing interoperability, and ensuring secure exchange of data among trading partners, regardless of the carrier or IT platform they use

Standardized APIs ensure better visibility and real-time access into the status of your bookings and documentation

Booking request → Booking confirmation

Issue B/L ← Prepare B/L

Arrival Notice → Shipment Release

What does the DCSA Booking standard do?

- Covers the whole process from booking request, confirmation and amendment through a shared data language and requirements

- Supports standard cargo, reefers and dangerous goods

- First pilots kicked off with carriers, BCOs and IT providers

Upcoming standards

- Notice of Arrival and Shipment Release

- Currently being planned for 2025

- Recommendations by the FMC NSAC and other stakeholders are appreciated

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DCSA is opening up to the wider shipping community

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JOIN THE FUTURE OF CONTAINER SHIPPING

Be part of the transformation towards a fully digital, standardized, and connected container shipping industry.

The DCSA+ partnership program offers a unique opportunity to collaborate with industry leaders, drive innovation, and accelerate interoperability.

Lead the change. Join DCSA+ today.

CONNECT

Join the global community and engage with industry leaders to access opportunities, gain insights and align on actionable solutions.

ACCELERATE

Receive support from DCSA experts for implementation and adoption of standards, unlocking efficiency and cost benefits of truly standardized and interoperable data.

CONTRIBUTE

Take part in the pioneering group that is developing future digital industry standards. Gain early access to standards development, testing and piloting

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Recommendations for the NSAC

Important work has been done in recent years to analyze and pinpoint data issues in supply chains

Solutions were identified, and progress was made but continued work and collaboration is needed

The FMC and the NSAC play key roles in ensuring that supply chains are efficient and competitive

We strongly recommend that the NSAC continues it efforts related to data reliability and availability, and are willing to support these efforts in any way we can

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Join us for drinks after the meeting

Discover the Future of Digitalization

The Port of Los Angeles and DCSA are happy to invite you at

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435 Shoreline Village Drive, Long Beach, CA 90802, US
(a short walk from the TPM convention center)

From 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM, today

To join BCOs, ocean carriers, forwarders, government officials, IT solution providers, ports, and terminals in a relaxed atmosphere to continue our conversation with **food and drinks**

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