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Hanjin Bankruptcy: Resources & Links

The effects of the bankruptcy filing by Hanjin Shipping on August 31, 2016 have continued to be felt at ports across the country, with Hanjin vessels stranded offshore, waiting for permission to dock and unload their cargo.



The Hanjin Miami was scheduled to dock at Maher Terminals to off-load containers on September 22, 2016. Updated procedures on the logistics of picking up and returning containers can be found in the [latest edition of the PANYNJ's Breaking Waves bulletin](#).

The Container Owners Association has released a list of the container prefixes – who they are owned by and how to contact them to arrange a return of leased containers that were used for an import move. This information was emailed to all Bi-State members. [CLICK HERE](#) to download the pdf file.

Federal Maritime Commission Commissioner William P. Doyle has [pledged the FMC's support](#) for shippers who are struggling to coordinate the retrieval of stranded cargo. The return of chassis equipment is another issue, with officials on the [West Coast expressing concern over possible shortages](#). Shortages have [not been an issue](#) yet at the Port of NY & NJ, according to Bi-State Executive Director Dick Jones, although Hanjin containers can be seen stacked in yards throughout the port area.

The Federal Maritime Commission has posted [protocol instructions](#) for all public communications related to Hanjin Shipping Disruptions. [CLICK HERE](#) or visit www.FMC.gov for more information.

UIIA Slid Flat Rule Takes Effect

As of September 19, 2016, Exhibit C of the Uniform Intermodal Interchange Agreement relating to the definition for slid flat tire damage has been modified as follows:

“Slid Flat Damage to the tire and/or tube—removal of tread or rubber 2/32 inches of remaining tread depth or less in the affected area (flat spot) while the remaining unaffected tread depth is more than 4/32 inches.”

A copy of the full version of the agreement that includes this change can be viewed and downloaded at the UIIA website:

www.uiia.org under [“Current UIIA Agreement.”](#)



Legislative Update



Now that Summer is officially over, legislative activity in Trenton is gearing up. Here's the latest news on bills we're watching:

S2507, sponsored by Senator Lesniak, calls for a "Clean Truck Tariff" program to be created and assessed on all containers going through the ports of Bayonne, Elizabeth, Jersey City and Newark. This tariff will be assessed to the Beneficial Cargo Owners (BCOs). There is a companion bill, **A4120**, sponsored by Asm. Chiaravallotti. The Bi-State opposes these bills, and has been actively communicating with legislators to express our members' concerns regarding the negative impact this tariff would have on the intermodal industry at the Port of NY & NJ.

If passed, the law would take effect immediately, assessing a tariff as follows: prior to January 2, 2020, any containers transported by an owner or operator registered to operate in the NJ portion of the port district with a model year of 2011 or older will be assessed a per-trip clean truck tariff of not less than \$100 and no more than \$150, payable by the BCO. This tariff will be assessed for every trip to the port to receive or deliver a shipping container.

On and after January 2, 2020, the BCO will pay this tariff for any containers transported by trucks with a model year more than 8 years old. Monies collected from the Clean Truck Tariff will be allocated for a "subsidy or reimbursement" for truck replacement through a DEP program. It also calls for 2% of the tariff monies collected to cover costs of administering the program.

The bills—which were filed in the midst of National Truck Driver Appreciation Week—have been referred to their respective Environmental Committees, where they await a hearing.

A4186, sponsored by Assemblyman Wisniewski, provides the Transportation Trust Fund Authority with bonding authorization of \$1.6 billion for Fiscal Year 2017 and \$1.6 billion for Fiscal Year 2018. The bill was filed on September 19, 2016 and referred to the Assembly Transportation Committee.

“This legislation unfairly targets the trucks that serve the port—placing the largest share of responsibility for regional pollution on the group that contributes to it the least. Port trucks represent the smallest fraction* of truck traffic in the Ironbound area—just 5.1%. And yet, this bill seeks to hold us solely responsible.

Charging a tariff on the containers that go through the Port of NY & NJ would also make it less attractive to do business here, jeopardizing the billions of dollars in federal and state revenue contributed by the port industry in this region each year. We cannot support such a tariff, which would have a negative impact on jobs and the economy in New Jersey.”

Statement on S2507/A4210
Jeff Bader, President
Association of Bi-State Motor Carriers

**North East Newark Regional Truck Study, released August 2014*



S2364 would allow approved third party vendors to administer the Commercial Driver's License exam. The bill was released from the Senate Transportation Committee on July 14, 2016 and referred to the Senate Budget & Appropriations Committee, which will hear the bill on September 26, 2016 at 1pm. The companion Assembly bill, **A3946**, is awaiting a hearing in the Assembly Transportation Committee.

A854 calls for the creation of a Task Force on Distracted Driving. The bill was heard on September 22, 2016 for Discussion Only, along with three other distracted driving bills, **A1908**, **A4062** and **A4005**.

Bi-State Street Turn Forum Continues to Grow

The Association of Bi-State Motor Carriers “Street Turn Forum,” offered exclusively to members, continues to grow, with close to 60 member companies now taking part. If you haven’t yet signed up for the forum, and would like to participate, please email Communications Director Lisa Yakomin at LisaY@thebistate.com. Be sure to provide all email addresses that would like to receive or send notifications of equipment needs or availability. Access to the forum is offered free as part of your Bi-State membership benefits.

The Bi-State Street Turn Forum has saved thousands of vehicle miles to and from the port area, and members report that the ability to exchange equipment with one another saves both time and money.



SURVEY: EPA Compliant Trucks & Mechanical Failures



Is port congestion leading to chronic mechanical issues and service failures for newer model, EPA-compliant trucks? This topic was discussed at a recent Bi-State General Membership meeting, where members relayed similar stories of problems that were experienced by drivers after replacing older trucks with newer models (2007 engine year and later), only to have the trucks break down and go out of service. This resulted in costly repairs, and in some cases, the truck had to be turned back over to the dealer, at a substantial financial loss to the owner-operator. The issue appears related to the type of stop-and-go traffic typically seen during heavy congestion delays and queues, but a larger sample is needed in order to determine the true scope of the problem.

In response to the feedback we received, and working in partnership with the Port Authority of NY & NJ, we have created [a brief online survey](#) to solicit additional feedback from members who have been affected by this issue. The results of this survey will be shared with Assistant Port Director Beth Rooney, who is working to assess the full extent of the problem, so that it can be properly addressed.

Although the previously proposed ban on older trucks scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2017 was scaled back and modified, efforts to mandate truck replacement for intermodal carriers in New Jersey are ongoing. Given the issues now being reported with newer model trucks, it is essential that we determine whether or not these incidents could affect truck replacement.

The Association of Bi-State Motor Carriers has asked members to document any problems or financial issues that have arisen as a result of mechanical issues or service failures with these newer-model trucks. Participation in [our survey](#) is an important part of that documentation process, and is strongly encouraged.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and participation.

[CLICK
HERE TO
TAKE OUR
SURVEY](#)

Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless Hosts TLD Breakfast Oct. 5th

The Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless will host their 5th Annual Transportation, Logistics & Distribution Recognition Breakfast on Wednesday, October 5th from 8am to 10am at the Embassy Suites Newark Airport, 95 International Boulevard, Elizabeth, NJ. This year's Keynote Speaker will be Port Director Molly Campbell of the PANYNJ, with Special Guest Anne Strauss-Wieder, Director of the Freight Planning North Jersey Transportation Authority. Proceeds from the event will benefit Bernice's Place, an afterschool and summer program for homeless and near homeless children. For ticket information, please visit theelizabethcoalition.org.



Molly Campbell

Port Packing Day At SCI Nov. 2nd – Donations & Volunteers Wanted!



Gift bags like these will be given to seafarers to spread holiday cheer

Seaman's Church Institute is gearing up for their annual Port Packing Day on November 2, 2016. They are seeking donations as part of the "Christmas At Sea" program, which provides gift bags filled with an array of hand-knitted garments and travel-sized toiletries for distribution to the hard-working seafarers who serve on the vessels that call upon our port. SCI's International Seafarers' Center, located at 118 Export Street in Port Newark, will be open from 8am to 4pm on Nov. 2nd; visitors are welcome to stop by and assist in the packing up of boxes filled



Donated knit items to keep vessel workers warm at sea

with holiday cheer. Coffee, tea, and light refreshments will be provided for volunteers. The Association of Bi-State Motor Carriers will once again be participating in this worthwhile event; members who would like to donate travel-sized toiletries or other small items ahead of time to be included in the gift bags can contact SCI directly at 973-589-5828 or email Stephen Lyman at slyman@seamanchurch.org to schedule drop-off of your donations.

WE'VE MOVED!

*As of September 1, 2016,
our NEW mailing address is:*

**Association of Bi-State
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Port Newark, NJ 07114**

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JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT

**General Member Meeting
Tues. Oct. 11 @ 1000 hours**

**NYSA Training Ctr. Auditorium
1210 Corbin Street, Elizabeth, NJ**



DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 26	Port Industry Day
Oct. 5	ECHH TLD Breakfast
Oct. 10	Columbus Day—ILA Holiday
Oct. 11	Monthly Member Meeting