



Environmental Policy

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Independent Container Line

I. GENERAL STATEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Independent Container Line (ICL) strives to be environmentally responsible and has a strong commitment to protect the environment while handling our customers' products in a safe and responsible manner.

ICL continuously monitors and strives to reduce its footprint by complying with and exceeding where possible international and national laws and introduction of best practices.

Transport by vessel has a much smaller impact on the environment and emissions are smaller than other modes of transport.

As part of ICL's compliance with the international standard for responsible business conduct we perform annual Environmental Impact Assessments based on the UNGP's 20 Environmental Impact Areas.

II. Emissions and Operational Efficiency of Ocean Vessels

At ICL we ensure that our vessels are operated as efficiently as possible.

Consumption is monitored on a daily, monthly, and yearly basis and benchmarked against previous figures to check if goals in reducing overall consumption are met.

IT resources are used to optimize the vessels voyage. Weather programs are used both onboard and in the office to choose the optimal and most economic transatlantic route.

Loading programs are used to find the optimal trim for the vessel considering weather conditions to further reduce consumption. Ballast onboard is kept to a minimum.

ICL Fleet is chosen to further optimize our operations. Various ship designs are considered when chartering in vessels, performance and fuel efficiency being key factors in chartering vessels from our partners.

In coastal areas and ports our vessels use ultra-low Sulphur fuel which typically has a Sulphur content of 0.03-0.04% - being much lower than required by regulations.

ICL's Vessels use retrofitted Eco Propellers (PBFC) and Silicon Anti-Foul Hull coatings.

ICL is in full compliance of EU ETS and FuelEU regulations.

III. Truck Transport Triangulation

ICL manages Truck dispatches to match import deliveries with export shipments thereby reducing CO2 emissions and decongesting roadways. The percentage of empty miles per move is monitored monthly.

IV. Rail Service

Where feasible, ICL substitutes All-Truck service with Rail service thereby reducing CO2 emissions and decongesting roadways.

V. Barge Service

We offer our shippers in Belgium, Germany and Holland the option to carry their cargo on barges with direct weekly connections to our ocean vessels. ICL operates dedicated barges on the Rhine river. Ports of call for the ICL dedicated barges and other Barge service providers include Duisburg, Emmerich, Genk, Gustavsburg, Koblenz, Ludwigshafen and Worth. Barging allows us to take trucks off the road and reduce emissions and greenhouse gases. The number of trucks taken off the road and reduction of CO2 emissions are monitored monthly. We ensure that barges are operated as efficiently as possible and in 2025 ICL started trial of alternative fuels in dedicated barge.

VI. Load Optimization Program

ICL works with our customers to maximize Cube and / or Weight utilization of containers. This means less containers handled and transported in the supply chain hence resulting in reduced energy use and traffic within the transportation infrastructure.

VII. Memberships and Organizations

ICL is a member or affiliated with the following organizations:

- SmartWay Initiative

SmartWay is an initiative of the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The initiative was created to allow companies to measure and benchmark transport efficiency. ICL is an Affiliate Member.

- EcoVadis

EcoVadis is a methodology to analyze CSR systems based on international standards. Suppliers' CSR systems are analyzed and rated on various criteria. Criteria analyses include Environmental, Social and Ethics. ICL has been a member of EcoVadis since 2015 and has its sustainability analyzed since this time.

VIII. Environmental Goals

ICL monitors emissions figures internally. Internal monitoring is done on a monthly basis and available to ICL customers upon request .