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## Mr. Lars Kjaer receives BIC Award

**BIC is pleased to announce that Mr Lars Kjaer, Senior Vice President at World Shipping Council is this year's recipient of the BIC Award.**

Presented during the Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers 9th session at IMO Headquarters in London, the award was presented by BIC Secretary General Douglas Owen and Vice Chairman Lars Lorenzen.

The BIC Award was founded in 2013 to recognize individuals and organizations for significant contributions to the container shipping industry in the areas of safety, security, sustainability and standardizations – the four pillars of BIC's mission. In selecting Mr. Kjaer the BIC Board of Directors cited Mr. Kjaer's longstanding support of standardization through his work in ISO TC104, his tireless efforts over many years to improve safety in the supply chain, and his keen dedication to limiting invasive species traveling via the container pathway.

Lars Kjaer has been with the World Shipping Council since its inception in the year 2000. Lars is involved in a multitude of safety, trafficking and contaminating pest issues and other regulatory matters. He participates on behalf of WSC in meetings at the IMO regarding safety, transport of containers, dangerous goods and the Facilitation Convention. He is also chairman of ISO Technical Committee (TC 104) that is responsible for all container-related standards.

Prior to joining the World Shipping Council, Lars served as the Washington Representative for the Council of European and Japanese Shipowners' Associations (CENSA), following a career with the Royal Danish Embassy in Washington, D.C. and at the Danish Delegation to NATO, in Brussels.

"The BIC Award was founded to recognize outstanding achievement in the areas of safety, security, standardization and sustainability, and Lars Kjaer clearly qualifies in every one of those categories. We commend Lars for his longstanding dedication to improving our industry" stated BIC Chairman Giordano Guerrini.

Lars Kjaer stated: ‘...I am truly honored and humbled to be this year’s recipient of the BIC award. It was particularly gratifying to receive the reward at the IMO HQ during the CCC 9 session where the shipping industry continues to work with regulators to further promote our shared goal of enhanced safety at sea and in the global containerized supply chain”.

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### **About BIC**

The Bureau International des Containers (BIC) was founded under the auspices of the International Chamber of Commerce in 1933 as a neutral, non-profit, international organization. The BIC seeks to promote efficiency, safety, security, standardization, and sustainability in the container supply chain and today has over 2800 container owning and operating members in 128 countries. Publisher of the BIC Code Register since 1970, the BIC also operates the BoxTech Global Container Database ([bic-boxtech.org](http://bic-boxtech.org)), providing API-accessible equipment details to help improve efficiency and safety in the supply chain, as well as the BIC Facility Code Database, providing harmonized codes to identify over 17,000 container facilities in 190 countries. The BIC also operates the Global ACEP Database under the guidance of the IMO. The BIC holds official observer status as an NGO at the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the World Customs Organization (WCO), and the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) and works closely with the ISO and other standards organizations. Learn more at [www.bic-code.org](http://www.bic-code.org).

### **About World Shipping Council**

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