INTERMODAL EQUIPMENT REFERENCE LIBRARY TASK FORCE

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I. BUSINESS CASE / PROJECT NEED

The Maintenance & Repair Committee has determined a need to establish a reference library that contains information, including service bulletins, warranty information and/or manufacturer recall notices, for intermodal equipment component parts as well as illustrations and damage photo examples. The library would also include information on companies that are out of business but previously provided component parts that are still required for the repair and maintenance of equipment still in service today. The objective of the library is to supplement the “Intermodal Chassis Inspection and Repair – A Mechanic’s Guide” with repair procedures, component part information and any other information that would be beneficial to the community.

II. GOAL STATEMENT

The goal of the task force is to identify current and ongoing needs among the intermodal community for service, warranty and recall information and establish a centralized library to share the information. The projected timeline for completion is 12 months.

Key objectives of this task force are to identify information needed, collect the necessary documents, establish a central location to store the media, create a link on the IANA website to share the information, and establish procedures for ongoing maintenance of the reference library.

III. WORK PLAN AND TIMELINE

The plan of action is as follows:

- Q42018
  - Identify types of service, warranty and recall information needed
  - Contact equipment and parts manufacturers for support
- Q12019 – Q22019
  - Collect the necessary documents and media
  - Create reference library database for storage
- Q32019
  - Establish reference library branding and website link (possibly “IANA Connect”)
  - Propose procedures for ongoing maintenance
IV. DESIRED OUTCOMES

1. Produce a library of valuable reference material for the intermodal equipment maintenance community. The goal is to populate the library with information relative to the current equipment environment and provide tools for manufacturers and parts providers to easily add and maintain information in the future.

2. Provide a means to advise the industry of any manufacturer parts recall announcements that may be issued from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) or by the manufacturer.

V. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Task force members to include:

- Equipment manufacturers (4-5)
- Intermodal equipment providers (2)
- M&R vendors (2)
- Equipment components manufacturers (2-3)
- Equipment dealers/distributors (2-3)