



## **GSA JOINT STATEMENT**

Amsterdam, March 19th 2019

# **Global shippers agree on maritime, air cargo, e-commerce, and environment priorities**

**On March 19th 2019 the members of the Global Shippers' Alliance convened in Amsterdam for their annual meeting. They discussed issues on maritime transport, air cargo, e-commerce, and environment. In 2019, they will further strengthen global cooperation amongst shippers joining efforts with Global Shippers' Forum. More specifically, GSA members agreed:**

### *Maritime*

- to exchange their experiences and unite their responses to the implementation of the low sulphur fuel regulation by shipowners as of the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2020
- to encourage their respective governments, in the face of growing concentration in various markets, to set up and/or modify policies which contribute to improvement of maritime transport services and at the same time avoid restriction of competition
- to continue a meaningful dialogue with the World Shipping Council, the International Chamber of Shipping, and other ship owners' association to avoid low-quality services and their negative impact on shippers and trade and to tackle long-term issues, such as emissions reduction in maritime transport

### *Air*

- to alleviate reduction in capacity (such as slots restrictions) by using their influence to amend IATA's slots policy, detrimental to freighters, and by informing about air space constraints caused by geopolitical situation
- to optimise the mobility of air cargo through a better supply chain collaboration, digitalisation, and increased efficiency of land operations and services



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- to advocate the implementation of single windows and the connectivity between their platforms
- to build up a positive image of air cargo among policy makers and society at large

#### *e-commerce*

- to support AAEL's work in the World Customs Organisation to facilitate trade taking into account such challenges as safety and security, harmonisation of import procedures, data sets, including levying import taxes and VAT

#### *Environment*

- to support the promotion and implementation of the GLEC Framework for Logistics Emissions Accounting and Reporting in collaboration with Smart Freight Centre in order to improve the efficiency and to reduce the carbon footprint of logistics worldwide

During the meeting, the GSA members openly shared the developments in their respective regions and countries and agreed to continue further their cooperation also engaging other stakeholders to bring efficiency to global trade. GSA will start an open dialogue with Global Shippers' Forum in order to agree on a common agenda.

#### **Jointly signed by:**

Hong Kong Shippers' Council

Indonesian National Shippers' Council

Shippers' Council of Bangladesh

Macau Shippers' Association

Korean Shippers' Council



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Thai National Shippers' Council

European Shippers' Council

American Association of Exporters and Importers  
(signed in absentia)

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