

CSC

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// abstract:

The CSC Convention has two main goals:

- To maintain a high level of safety of human life during the transport and handling of containers by implementing test procedures and related strength requirements;
- To further the international transport of containers by implementing uniform international safety regulations, that are equally applicable to all modes of surface transport.

The requirements related to this convention apply to the large majority of international freight containers, except for those specifically designed for air cargo. The regulations only apply to containers with the prescribed minimum sizes and corner fittings.

The convention contains two annexes. Annex 1 includes measures concerning testing, inspection, approval and maintenance of containers. The procedures for the inspection of the safety of the containers used for international transport, that need to be carried out by an administration of a Convention Party or by an organisation operating in her name are defined. The administration of a Convention Party allows the manufacturer to provide a security label (plate) displaying the necessary technical data. This label needs to be recognised by the remaining Contracting Parties. This principle of mutual recognition is the starting point of this convention. The maintenance of these types of containers is the owner's responsibility, who submits these containers to periodic, specific checks, as prescribed in the convention. Annex 2 includes the structural safety measures and tests, including the details of the testing procedures. Important amendments to this convention were realised in 1983, 1991 and 1993.