



Organization of
American States

1st HEMISPHERIC SEMINAR ON PORT LEGISLATION

“FACING GLOBAL TRENDS IN PORT LEGISLATION”

(November 24th – 25th, 2014, Montevideo, Uruguay)

NEWSLETTER

1. **Background:** Maritime transportation has been one of the most affordable means and bears great potential to develop international trade of goods in a country. Ports constitute a commercial window to the world, so that timely production from a country concurs with the world markets and the supply of the domestic demand. This relationship depends largely on the efficiency and added value of ports, in which costs are a decisive factor to establish our competitiveness.

The maritime industry has been changing towards incorporating ships that by far exceed the size of those in the beginning of the last decade, increasing the transportation of larger volumes of cargo and containers. To address this reality, bigger investments on infrastructure are necessary but not sufficient as they have to be accompanied by a more efficient management and operation of port terminals. It is essential to make changes in the regulatory framework as an effort to provide continuity and viability of the port development project, conceiving this sector as a modern, efficient and useful field in social and economic terms.

In this context, and with the objective to seek the harmonization of laws in the hemisphere and to encourage greater regional cooperation, the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) on Public Policy, Legislation and Regulation, chaired by the National Port Authority of Uruguay, developed a survey to seek data regarding (1) the characteristics of port management models adopted by the private/public sector and the regulation of city-port relations, and (2) alternative public/private partnerships, the role of the state and port authorities

During the Eighth Ordinary Meeting of the CIP held in Cartagena, Colombia in September 2013, the Cartagena Action Plan 2014-2015 was adopted, which instructs the continued collection of the data on Port Legislation. To facilitate

these efforts within the CIP Work Plan 2014-2015, the TAG decided to hold a seminar on port legislation to the benefits of all Member States.

2. **Organizers:** The National Port Authority (ANP) of Uruguay with the support of the Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports of the Organization of American States (CIP/OAS).

3. **Name:** "1st Hemispheric Seminar on Port Legislation - Facing Global Trends in Port Legislation "

4. **Place and Date:** The Seminar will be held on November 24th and 25th, 2014, in Montevideo, Uruguay, at the headquarters of ALADI, Street Cebollati 1461, Barrio Palermo, PO Box No 20005, Montevideo - Uruguay.

5. **Objectives:** To strengthen institutional dialogue and exchange experiences among the highest public and private port authorities on policies, strategies and actions planned or carried out in port legislation by the Member States of the OAS in order to address business needs and global and regional trends in legislation. As part of your invaluable recommendations it is expected that the seminar will help establish a legal framework for a hemispheric port model.

6. **Language:** Spanish with simultaneous English interpretation.

7. **Participants:** Port authorities from all CIP/OAS Member States; Associate Members of the CIP; officials, executives, experts, specialists and guests of the public and private port sector; industry, commerce, academia and public with an interest in the subject.

8. **Conference Secretariat:** The Secretariat of the CIP will be responsible for conducting the seminar according to the terms agreed between the organizers.

9. **Admission:** All those interested in participating in the seminar must complete the attached registration form and send it via e-mail to the Secretariat of the CIP with a copy to the ANP of Uruguay (see document below). The ANP will issue the corresponding Uruguay national participants acceptance. Space is limited and pre-registration is essential.

10. **Points of Contact:**

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11. Hotel:

1) *Hotel NH Columbia*

Address: Rambla Gran Bretaña 473 Phone (598) 2916.00.01
Contact: Juan Pedro Kasselian; mtngs.nhcolumbia@nh-hotels.com

Rate Standard Room: U\$S 100.00 breakfast included

2) *Hotel Esplendor*

Address: Soriano 868, esq. Andes Phone (598) 2916.00.00
Contact: Señor Guillermo Giraudin reservas@esplendormontevideo.com

Rate Single Standard Room U\$S 100.00 breakfast included

3) *Hotel Ibis*

Address: La Cumparsita 1473 y Rambla República Argentina, Phone
(598) 2413.70.00

Cost single standart room, U\$S 79.00 breakfast included

(Recommended hotel because of its location, three minute from ALADI headquarters)

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12. Travel: All foreigners must carry a valid passport when entering Uruguay. Please verify if a visa is required with the Uruguay consulate in your country.

13. Currency- Monetary Exchange: The currency is the Uruguayan peso. The current exchange rate is 24.07 pesos per US dollar. Currency exchange can be done in banks and / or exchange houses.

14. Travel Arrangements: Travel expenses of participants are covered by their governments, organizations or individuals, as appropriate.

15. Airport: Arrival in Montevideo is through the Carrasco International Airport.

16. **Customs:** Customs must be cleared by each participant at the first point of entry.

17. **Climate:** The expected temperature in November in Montevideo is between 14 and 23 degrees Celsius.

18. **Attire:** For the working sessions and protocol reception business attire or casual-chic is required.

19. **Electricity:** The electrical current in Montevideo is 220V with a frequency of 50 Hz.

20. **Local time:** UTC/GMT -3 hours; One-hour ahead Washington, DC.

21. **Information about the city:** Montevideo is the capital and largest city of the Republic of Uruguay. Headquarters of Mercosur and ALADI are located here. According to the census of 2011 the metropolitan area of Montevideo has a total population of 1,947,604. The city is located in the southern part of the country, making it the most southern capital of the Americas. The metropolitan area is bordered by the department of San Jose in the west and by the department of Canelones in the north and east. The Montevideo Bay and the main port of the country lies south on the Rio de la Plata. The city is divided into 8 municipalities and 62 districts. Montevideo is a global city categorized as "beta", ranking as the seventh city in Latin America and number 73 in the world.

REGISTRATION FORM

I. INFORMATION TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL PARTICIPANTS

Country: _____

Name and Surname: _____

Position: _____

Institution: _____

Phone Number: _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Number of companion(s): _____

Name and Surname of companion(s): _____

Arrival Date:

Departure Date:

Hotel:

Emergency Phone Number:

Name and Surname: _____

E-mail: _____

Date _____

Signature _____

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