



CSC Requirements-Customer Guide

Purpose

This information sheet outlines the minimum requirements for acceptance of **Shipper-Owned Containers (SOC)** for use in international ocean transport. These requirements are based on the **International Convention for Safe Containers (CSC)** and industry safety standards.

1. CSC Safety Approval Plate (Mandatory)

All SOC units must have a **valid CSC Safety Approval Plate** securely affixed to the container.

- The plate must be **legible and intact**

Important:

The original CSC certification (as indicated on the plate) is valid for **five (5) years from the date of manufacture**.

2. Valid Inspection Status (Post 5 Years)

After the initial 5-year period, the container must be maintained under one of the following:

- **ACEP (Approved Continuous Examination Program)**
 - Proof of validity must be clearly marked with a decal on the container for ACEP
 - **Periodic Examination Scheme (PES) with inspection every 30 months**
 - CSC Plate is valid for the first 5 years; PES Inspection must be performed every 2-1/2 years.
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3. PES Certification of Seaworthiness

Containers must be in sound, seaworthy condition, certification must be issued by industry organizations, classification societies, or programs recognized by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Inspections must be performed by authorized container inspectors, depots, or surveyors.

Authorized inspectors can include:

- Classification society surveyors
 - Certified container depot inspectors
 - Marine surveyors with IICL accreditation
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4. Identification & Markings

- Container number must be clearly visible and match documentation
 - All previous hazardous labels must be removed unless applicable
 - Weight markings must be legible
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Summary

To avoid delays or rejections, please ensure your Shipper-Owned Container:

- ✓ Has a valid CSC plate (within 5 years of manufacture or **properly re-inspected**)
 - ✓ Is structurally sound and cargo-worthy
 - ✓ Latest Seaworthiness certification is at least 3 month within the 30 months period (Post 5 years)
 - ✓ Meets all inspection and marking requirements
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For questions or pre-approval of SOC units, please contact Hyde Shipping Traffic Department. Hyde Shipping reserves the right to **refuse any SOC** that does not meet these requirements