

National Shipper Advisory Committee to Federal Maritime Commission (FMC)
Sub-Committee: Data & Visibility

Recommendation

In accordance with Fact Finding 29, Federal Maritime Commission establish the National Ocean Carrier Advisory Committee (NOCAC) comprised of all ocean container carriers serving the United States within the next ninety (90) days.

Purpose: Historically, shippers could collectively engage with the ocean carriers at the conference and then discussion level agreements – Asia North America Eastbound Rate Agreement (ANERA), Transpacific Westbound Rate Agreement (TWRA) and then Westbound Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (WTSA) and Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA) for industry level conversations on national ocean container opportunities, challenges, and priorities. With the dissolution of TSA, shippers and shipper organizations must have one-on-one or alliance level conversations on what are national and regional topics, considerations, and impacts. These smaller scope conversations diminish efforts to identify common national interests and priorities, and leverage existing data, research and analysis from system members and sectors move to industry-based review, reflection, problem-solving and implementation to address long standing national ocean container shipping issues.

For these reasons, we, as the unified National Shipper Advisory Committee, hereby recommend that the Federal Maritime Commission establish the National Ocean Carrier Advisory Committee (NOCAC) comprised of all ocean container carriers serving the United States within the next ninety (90) days.