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Ship Fed Gains Full ICS Membership

Kiwi coastal vessel operators' representative body, the New Zealand Shipping Federation (NZSF), became a full member of the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) in October.

The evolution from affiliate membership, which the 1906-established NZSF acquired in 2021, is expected to enhance collaboration between the two bodies. Having previously participated at ICS sub-committees and panels and observed at the ICS Board, NZSF will now be able to participate at all levels.



Commented NZSF executive director John Harbord: "The ICS is at the forefront of advocacy on issues impacting our industry. It's important that we are at the table, working on solutions before they hit us in distant New Zealand, and we are delighted to once again be part of the ICS team."

Added ICS secretary general Guy Platten: "The ICS already enjoyed a close relationship with the NZSF through its affiliate membership so I am delighted that we will be working even more closely through this move to full membership."

The development now sees ICS membership entail national shipowners' associations from over 40 countries and territories.

"We are creating a truly global community that helps us to further understand the challenges facing the shipping industry, from decarbonisation to digitalisation, seafarer welfare and recruitment and more, so that we can work together to find solutions for all," continued Mr Platten.

Expanding the geographical spread of the ICS Board is expected to provide the organisation with a balanced view of the international shipping landscape, as it aims to collaboratively shape the future of shipping and find solutions to such collective issues as:

- piracy
- seafarer welfare and training
- digitisation
- decarbonisation

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